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Mrs. J. Keller
Everett, Washington 98206

Dear Mrs. Keller:

Your letter to Vice President Mondale concerning the re-opening of the Robert Kennedy Assassination investigation has been referred to me.

As you may know, the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was a state, rather than a Federal crime, and its investigation and the prosecution of Sirhan Sirhan was the responsibility of California authorities. Subsequent to Senator Kennedy's assassination, Public Law 91-644 was passed making it a Federal crime to kill, kidnap, or assault a member of Congress. That law now appears at 18 U.S.C. 351.

Therefore, although we appreciate the interest of concerned citizens, such as yourself, no member of the Federal Executive Branch may be of assistance in this matter unless there is credible evidence that Federal laws in effect at the time of the assassination were violated.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Heymann
Assistant Attorney General
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BY: *Philip T. White*

Philip T. White
Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Timothy J. Stanton
17806 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Dear Mr. Stanton:

This ~~is~~ in response to your recent letter concerning
the parole of Sirhan Sirhan.

It is always of interest for this Department to
receive the views of private citizens on matters of
current public interest.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days, III
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

C. Brian McDonald
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> It is sickening to believe that Sirhan Sirhan who fatally shot Robert Kennedy and was convicted of it by our own courts will be eligible for parole Nov. 1st, 1984. How can this possibly happen?? Are our laws a joke? Since when does the majority of honest citizens have to be subjected to these barbarians who break our laws. If this continues you will see honest and abiding citizens holding guns in an effort to maintain peace & parity that is the job of Government! Enforce to the letter the laws we have all decided on and all will benefit!!!

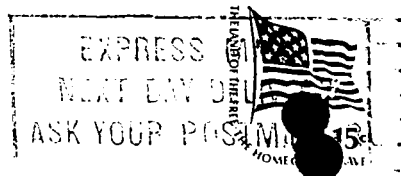
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Dear Mr. Days:

Enclosed is correspondence between ourselves and the United States Attorney's office in Los Angeles over the past six months.

We call special attention to the letter just received from Chief Assistant Paul G. Flynn, wherein he notes that our findings in the Robert Kennedy assassination case have been forwarded to the Department of Justice, apparently after having been reviewed and analyzed by the U.S. Attorney's staff out here.

We can only assume that this material would not have been forwarded to higher authority were it not worthy of further consideration. Might we also note that the U.S. Attorney does not reject the jurisdiction of this matter under any civil rights statutes, as per the citing from your office by David B. Adler in his letter to us of April 6, 1979.

We should like clarification of your position on this matter at your earliest convenience.

JGC/WWT:km

cc: Attorney General Griffin Bell
Lester S. Hyman, Esq.
Ms Andrea Ordin/Paul G. Flynn

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Sincerely yours

JOHN G. CHRISTIAN
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MS ANDREA ORDIN
United States Attorney
312 N. Spring Street
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OCTOBER 18, 1978

Dear Ms Ordin:

Several months ago we had hand-delivered to you an advance (galley) copy of our just-released book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case. In a covering letter, we made note that there might be danger in store for a good many "prospective witnesses" identified in this case via our book. Such may now have occurred.

Enclosed is a letter to the Pomona Police Department relating to some recent events concerning the members of the Johnny Gray family, some of who have now provided us with additional information over and above that previously known and described in our book; it is our firm opinion that the lives of one or more of these witnesses could be in immediate danger.

We ask that you take immediate steps to protect the lives of all members of the Gray family in cooperation with the Pomona police authorities.

As previously stated, we stand ready to assist your office in any way useful; however, we are slightly disturbed that we have yet to receive any kind of response from you about the contents and contentions of our book.

If you do not take our appeal seriously, please notify us as such and we shall seek other intervention. However, it is our best opinion that your office has primary responsibility at this juncture.

JGC/WWT:jah

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Attorney General Griffin Bell

Very sincerely,

JOHN G. CHRISTIAN/
WILLIAM W. TURNER

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November 22, 1978

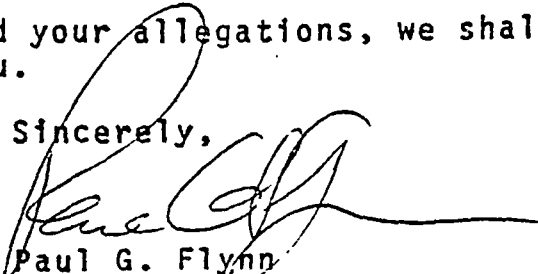
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Dear Messrs. Christian and Turner:

We are in receipt of a proof of your book entitled
"The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy."

After we have reviewed your allegations, we shall
be in contact with you.

Sincerely,


Paul G. Flynn
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MR. PAUL G. FLYNN
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DECEMBER 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Flynn:

In your letter of November 22nd you use the term "your allegations" as related to our book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination; frankly, we are wary of this being used to classify some aspects of our investigation, most especially the evidence we've assembled in support of there having been more than one gunman firing at the assassination scene.

We suggest that official photographs from the FBI, the County Coroner, and signed statements from principals therein and others present at the crime scene, all attesting to a multiple weapon attack on Senator Kennedy, hardly constitutes "allegations" from our quarters; and when this evidence is juxtaposed with the handling of the "ballistics" aspects of the case by Los Angeles law enforcement officials (circa 1968-1978), it becomes all the more convincing that there exists "reasonable cause" to suspect that some type of a "conspiracy and cover-up" effected RFK's death.

The above information would best be placed before a federal grand jury for consideration and deliberation; if this is what you have in mind, we are prepared to assist in any way useful and necessary; if not, then we shall be compelled to seek appropriate remedies from other sources now available to us.

All that is required here is an open mind and awareness that we are all dealing with matters that have had and will continue to have a profound effect on the future of our nation.

JGC/WWT:jah

Sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Dr. Robert J. Joling
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FEBRUARY 2, 1979

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Dear Ms Ordin:

Enclosed is recently developed information on the Robert Kennedy assassination that should be of particular interest to your office as you continue your review of our findings (as per Paul G. Flynn's letter to us of November 22, 1978).

We submit this additional data because we're sure it carries with it implications beyond our original discoveries.

The firmly stated position of the 1978-79 Los Angeles County Grand Jury (Foreman) would seem to automatically place the entire burden on your office for the proper and prompt handling of this matter; and rightfully so, perhaps, as the issues at hand have national ramifications.

It is our belief that because of the longtime, ongoing "political" relationships and interactions by many of those we identify as embroiled in "conspiracy and cover-up," this matter presents formidable problems to any agency of government; however, your office is uniquely required and obligated to set aside any such considerations, which we trust can be done without further delaying an appropriate resolution.

We're not trying to unfairly position nor pressure you in this issue; however, with the Presidential election of 1980 fast approaching, the need to ascertain whether or not some kind of extant conspiracy lurks in the shadows would seem an absolute imperative.

We stand ready to assist in any meaningful way possible.

JGC/WWT:jah

Very Sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
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MAY 7, 1979

Dear Mr. Flynn:

Last November 22nd you notified us that your office was looking into the so-called "allegations" contained in our recent book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case; these specifically related to evidence showing that a conspiracy and a cover-up were involved in the RFK assassination.

You also stated that you would be "in contact" with us after reviewing our findings; surely five months has been enough for you to determine the viability of this evidential information.

If you reject our findings, we should like to know the specifics on which you have based that determination; however, if you agree with us and a good many others so exposed to this evidence, then we should like to know the status and disposition of this matter as it now stands within your office. We believe we are entitled to this information as professional men and as concerned citizens of this nation, and for its future.

JGC/WWT:bm

Sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi, Esq.
Dr. Robert J. Joling, J.D.
Robert Vaughn, Ph. D.
Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.
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May 14, 1979

Messrs. Jonn G. Christian
and William W. Turner
9171 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 332
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Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the materials which you submitted concerning your investigation of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy were forwarded to the Department of Justice on April 10, 1979, for review. As soon as word is received from the Department as to their recommendation, we shall contact you.

Sincerely,


Paul G. Flynn
Chief Assistant
United States Attorney



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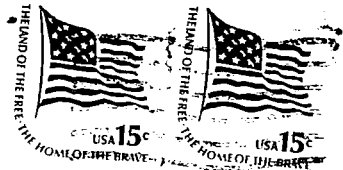
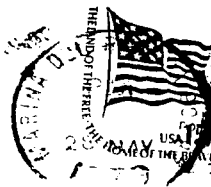
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APRIL 17, 1979

Dear Mr. Days:

Your letter of April 6, 1979 (under the signature of David B. Adler) has just reached us. Its contents are both confusing and quite disconcerting.

For you to advise us to turn to "appropriate local police officials" in this instance would be like a Jew facing the ovens at Auschwitz calling on Adolph Eichmann to save him. Apparently you think that our book's facts concerning criminal involvement in the Robert Kennedy case by local police officials are to be ignored; not by us, they're not.

For your specific information: we are aware of at least one instance already where one crucial witness, whose name and involvement in this case are spelled out in great detail in our book, has been shot at; and his family has been harrassed and intimidated as well, because several of them know of conspiratorial elements in the RFK case that we came into possession of after our book was published; and these same "local police officials" refused to provide protection.

If you fail to grasp the significance of the above, then you likely have not read our book either; in any case, for you to fail to act as these conditions readily warrant is to assume a responsibility for the murders of innocent persons should that now occur.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN G. CHRISTIAN/
WILLIAM W. TURNER

JGC/WWT:bm

cc: Attorney General Griffin Bell
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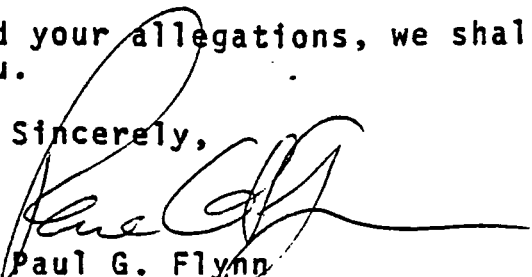
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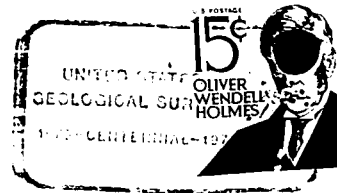
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Mr. John G. Christian
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Dear Mr. Christian:

Your letter dated October 27, 1978 to the Attorney General, concerning threats to persons who allegedly have information concerning the death of Robert Kennedy, has been referred to the Civil Rights Division for review. This danger has allegedly arisen in response to your publication of a book, The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy--A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up: 1968-1978.

Any information you possess regarding threats to the safety of various persons should be reported to the appropriate local police agencies who are authorized to investigate such dangers. The Civil Rights Division has no jurisdiction to investigate your allegations.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days III
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

David B. Adler
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ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL
U. S. Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

OCTOBER 27, 1978

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By now members of your office should have reported to you on the contents of our recently-released book, THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY -- A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up -- 1968-1978. If not, we should be ready to supply you with a copy on request.

As per the enclosed letters, we have long sought the involvement of federal law enforcement in this case; not only for the sake of a long-overdue justice, but because there are lives in jeopardy in this case at this juncture, our own included.

Certainly your recent exposure to certain elements within the highest levels of law enforcement in California should point out the reality of our contentions here; we're convinced that our book reflects the extremes of this situation as it has existed now for more than ten years.

We are equally convinced that a failure to come to grips with the facts behind the conspiracy and cover-up in the RFK case could well place the lives of the President, Vice President and other prominent government officials in serious jeopardy; the element we identify as involved in the RFK assassination is lethal, indeed, and is quite vocal in its irrational challenge of the current Administration's foreign and domestic policies.

We urge you to assume responsibility for this situation at once.

JGC/WWT:jah

CC: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Dr. Robert J. Joling

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GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

JUNE 21, 1978

Via Allard K. Lowenstein

Dear Mr. Governor:

We wish to thank Mr. Lowenstein for presenting you with a prepublication copy of our forthcoming book from Random House, "THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY -- A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up -- 1968-1978." The book is to be released by our publisher on or before September 1st.

The title of our book is quite reflective of its contents; while it is most contrary to what you've been told before by involved law enforcement officials, we respectfully request that you personally examine our evidence and then re-evaluate your position.

If you find that our book contains sufficient information to support its central theme, then we urge you to use the complete powers vested within your office to see that this case receives an appropriate review at the earliest possible moment; we are asking the same of several other government officials, who will be receiving copies of the book momentarily.

We trust that you will understand the portent of this issue if left to being unresolved any further; and we also ask for your assistance in providing for the safety of the many witnesses named within the pages of our book, ourselves included; you may contact us through our counsel in this matter, Mr. Vincent T. Bugliosi.

JGC/WWT:jh

Very Sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi, Esq.
Dr. Robert J. Joling, J. D.

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GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

OCTOBER 13, 1978

Dear Mr. Governor:

In late June of this year we turned over to you (via Allard K. Lowenstein and Ms Carol Moss) a specially-bound copy of our just-released book from Random House, "THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY -- A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up -- 1968-1978." We are informed that it was received by your aide, Mr. William Press, who was to have turned it over to you for your personal examination. We trust this has been done.

In our covering letter of June 21, we pointed out that there would be a possible threat to the safety of witnesses to elements of the conspiracy and cover-up in this case once the book was released to the public; such seems now to have happened to the entire family of some crucial witnesses.

We urgently request that you assign someone on your staff to make contact with us at the above address as soon as possible, to see what might be done to afford the requisite security demanded in this situation.

JGC/WWT:jah

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Dr. Robert J. Joling
Allard K. Lowenstein

Very Sincerely,

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OFFICER FORREST HERRING
Pomona Police Department
Mission Boulevard
Pomona, California

OCTOBER 18, 1978

Dear Officer Herring:

Pursuant to our phone conversation this morning at the home of Mrs. Louise Gray of your city:

We trust that a review of our book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination will assist your department in assessing the events of the recent past around the Gray home; certainly formal statements should be taken from all members of the Gray family as they relate to their individual and collective recollections of relevant incidents and events; this we have done ourselves over the last two weeks; we should be happy to assist you in any way useful, of course.

It is because of the history of the RFK case in the hands of Los Angeles (and subsequent State) law enforcement officials that we have deemed it necessary to seek the intervention of higher governmental authority, especially at the Federal levels of government; we urge that you do the same if you think the information developed by your investigators so warrants.

It is our opinion that the lives of many innocent persons could be at stake in this matter; thus, we ask that your department take the affair seriously and act with all due urgency.

Thanks for your attention and concern.

JGC/WWT:jah

Very sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Ms Andrea Ordin,
United States Attorney

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MS ANDREA ORDIN
United States Attorney
312 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
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OCTOBER 18, 1978

Dear Ms Ordin:

Several months ago we had hand-delivered to you an advance (galley) copy of our just-released book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case. In a covering letter, we made note that there might be danger in store for a good many "prospective witnesses" identified in this case via our book. Such may now have occurred.

Enclosed is a letter to the Pomona Police Department relating to some recent events concerning the members of the Johnny Gray family, some of who have now provided us with additional information over and above that previously known and described in our book; it is our firm opinion that the lives of one or more of these witnesses could be in immediate danger.

We ask that you take immediate steps to protect the lives of all members of the Gray family in cooperation with the Pomona police authorities.

As previously stated, we stand ready to assist your office in any way useful; however, we are slightly disturbed that we have yet to receive any kind of response from you about the contents and contentions of our book.

If you do not take our appeal seriously, please notify us as such and we shall seek other intervention. However, it is our best opinion that your office has primary responsibility at this juncture.

JGC/WWT:jah

Very sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Attorney General Griffin Bell

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October 18, 1977

Mr. Robert J. Joling, J.D.
Rizzo, Joling & Rizzo, S.C.
Suite 312 Schwartz Building
520 58th Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Dear Mr. Joling:

Your letter of August 30, 1977, to Mr. Barry Jagoda, expressing your view that the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy, was referred to the Criminal Division for consideration and reply.

We are of course aware that not all forensic scientists are in agreement as to the evaluation of the physical evidence found at the scene of the assassination and the conclusions to be drawn therefrom. Minor discrepancies are also present in other evidence relating to the event. However, after giving full consideration to the foregoing, in our view, the evidence that Sirhan Sirhan acted alone in the assassination remains compelling.

As all logical investigation of the matter has been completed, we see no useful purpose in repetition thereof. You suggested that failure to reply to a letter of May 17, 1977, from you to President Carter on this subject carries serious implications. That and even the delay in this response certainly evidence some inefficiency in our bureaucracy, for which we duly apologize, though instances of this nature have plagued the citizenry from time immemorial. In any event, such a failure is scant evidence of any nefarious scheme, and we must disagree most forcefully that any such

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scheme exists as you suggest.

In summary, while we appreciate your concern and your efforts in this matter, we remain of the view that there is nothing further to be done with respect thereto.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN R. CIVILETTI
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

ALFRED L. HANTMAN, Chief
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Dear Mr. Joling:

I am in receipt of your letter and, in view of the interest and concern in this matter, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence (and copy of Mr. Ellard's letter) to the Department of Justice for further consideration.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Barry Jagoda

Barry Jagoda
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August 30, 1977

Mr. Barry Jagoda
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Investigation

Dear Mr. Jagoda:

Mr. Michael Ellard of United Press International recently has forwarded the correspondence he has had with you. This was sent to me for my personal edification.

On May 17, 1977, I addressed a letter to President Carter relative to the Robert F. Kennedy assassination matter. I forwarded this to President Carter from Los Angeles, California. Unfortunately, I have not yet received a response to said correspondence. As a result I continue to grow more apprehensive day by day. It now appears that non-involvement at the highest level of government and avoidance of the implications embodied within this matter will continue.

The present status of the efforts in the case of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy strongly indicates that there may well have been a conspiracy of some dimension involved in the taking of the Senator's life which may concomitantly involve an official cover-up continuing in effect to this very day on a very broad scale. Most ominous of all if, indeed, conspirators involved in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy walk the streets as free men, those of political persuasion entirely inimicable to that of President Carter or Vice President Mondale might again attempt such a dastardly deed.

I respectfully request that you, personally, follow up on my earlier letter to the President. If desired, I would be most happy to meet with Attorney General Bell at which time, I am sure, my contentions could be aptly demonstrated to his complete satisfaction.

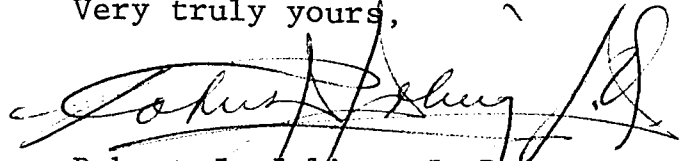
Mr. Barry Jagoda

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August 30, 1977

I will await your early affirmative action and reply.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Joling", is written over a horizontal line.

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June 2, 1977

Mr. Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Last week during your television appearance here in Los Angeles, I was one of those selected to ask questions. Unfortunately, however, time ran out before my turn arrived, although CBS TV had me ask my question after you had left the studio.

Enclosed is a Los Angeles Times story that appeared May 19, 1977, that encompasses the above. My question deals with an issue that has been on the minds of most Americans for a long time: The assassinations of the past decade and a half.

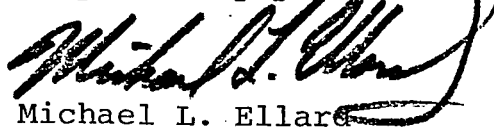
Recently the former special counsel of the House Committee on Assassinations, Mr. Richard Sprague strongly recommended that you intercede in this issue by appointing a special prosecutor as in the Watergate affair. He suggested that the House is too "political" a body, but more importantly, the House is not capable of handling matters involving criminal investigations. I am reliably informed that the House does not have the authority to either indict or convict anyone.

Assuming Mr. Sprague's viewpoint is correct, it only seems logical and proper that the President of the United States of America take charge of this matter as soon as possible. It was my impression that you shared the American people's concern in this issue during your campaigning out here in 1975.

As a working news photographer, I have recently been provided with substantial information relating to a possible conspiracy in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination. Ironically, some of this same evidence was being presented before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors during your television appearance, some of which we used in wirephotos that night. We also obtained a copy of the letter sent to you on this subject by Dr. Robert J. Joling, the past President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. It was Dr. Joling and former Congressman Allard K. Lowenstein who presented this new evidence before the Board of Supervisors on May 17th.

It seems to me that these two men of high reputation should be listened to on this matter. I should like to know if you share the vast majority of Americans' concern on the assassination issue, and if so, whether or not you plan to confront it in the near future. If I personally can be of any help whatsoever please feel free to contact me, I owe it to myself, my profession, and my country.

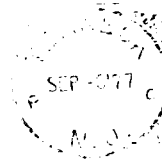
Respectfully yours,

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CATHOLICISM AS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE IN THE
WEST VIRGINIA PRIMARY OF 1960:

a primary resource paper; research conducted at the John F. Kennedy Library, Waltham, Massachusetts

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I began my research at The John F. Kennedy Library in Waltham, Massachusetts with a limited knowledge of my subject matter and an even more infinitesimal understanding of a presidential library. Thanks to the indefatigable assistance of Will Johnson, Joan Hoopes, and the entire Kennedy research staff, I was able to afford a more comprehensive appreciation for both my subject matter and the innerworkings of such a resourceful institution as the Kennedy Library.

Will Johnson directed my research toward the oral history transcripts, the prepresidential papers, the Democratic National Committee papers, the memorandums, letters and correspondences, which constitute the bulwark of this thesis. For his assistance, I am hereby appreciative.

The research was also the product of a beneficial relationship between Professor Foley and myself. His advice on attacking the thesis, our weekly meetings, and continuous supervision, made my research effort more comprehensive and easier to prepare. I am quite grateful for this assistance.

On a lighter note, I would like to thank the MBTA for providing transportation to the library. Though they left me a mile away, I still would not have been able to accomplish my research goals without their trolleys and buses. They were reasonably efficient though perhaps a more direct route to the library could be established.

FOREWORD:

This thesis contains manifold objectives: the effect of the Catholicism issue in the West Virginia primary of 1960, the political organization to combat it, the issue's effect in the general election as well as other aspects of the primary which relate to the Catholicism issue.

I have included in my research other dimensions of the primary which provide the reader with a sensible overview of the climate of opinion in West Virginia. These aspects include Senator Hubert Humphrey's challenge, the Kennedyesque charisma ^{10K} which propagated his political organization, the basic objections levied against a Catholic President, and other aspects pertinent to a discussion of this main issue.

I have substantially used the oral history interviews to demonstrate both the political effectiveness of the Kennedy organizational forces and the pressures suffered by Kennedy supporters due to the religious factor. In an effort to supplement these interviews, I have used the Democratic National Committee papers, the pre-presidential papers and other sources to broaden the scope of this research.

When Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy began his quest for the presidency at the 1956 Democratic National Convention, he was well aware of the tension surrounding his religious affiliation. He could recite history in support of his concern; the 1928 Presidential election witnessed a wave of anti-Catholic sentiment against Democratic nominee Alfred Smith, which along with other prevailing issues of the 1920's, resulted in his defeat. Kennedy was determined to confront this issue of religion in the primaries of the 1960 campaign and he chose the West Virginia primary as his proving ground to negate the issue from the public limelight.

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Yet Kennedy could be encouraged by the change in voting patterns since 1928. Two "important changes" are seen by Samuel Lubell, an experienced writer on politics, since the spectacular election of 1928: "First, fairly large number of Catholics have been voting Republican in recent years-- which of course, means there are more voters who could be won over by a Catholic Democrat... The second change from 1928 is that the Democratic party now exerts a far stronger economic appeal to non-Catholic workers and farmers."¹

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There existed a definite trend toward the relaxing of the religious question. In fact, late in 1959, 69% of a sample of voters stated that they would be willing to vote for a well-qualified candidate for President who happened to be a Roman Catholic, compared with 62% of a sample in 1940, according to a report dated December 8, 1959, by George Gallup, director of

1- Report, "Bureau of Research and Survey, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America," May 23, 1959, p.6.

the American Institute of Public Opinion in Princeton, New Jersey.² Elmo Roper, also a well-known student of public opinion, wrote a guest editorial in the Saturday Review, New York, October 31, 1959, asking the question, "how many (voters) would actually forsake the party of their choice to vote against a Catholic?" Mr. Roper answers: "One can only estimate-- my own estimate is from 6 to 8 per-cent."³ Though the trend looks toward Kennedy's favor, the issue of religion is still disturbing to a substantial amount of voters.

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Kennedy entered the West Virginia primary warned of the 95% Protestant constituency, but nevertheless eager for the challenge. A Harris poll conducted in December, 1959, just four months before the primary, gave Kennedy a 70-30 margin over his main rival, Senator Hubert Humphrey from Minnesota. Yet this poll was taken before the news of Kennedy's Catholicism was established.

The platform on which West Virginia politics are shaped is a buldge on the inner slope of the Appalachians, 24,282 square miles in extent (forty-first state in the union in size) on which dwell 1,850,000 people. Theodore White explains the political theater on which Kennedy was to campaign: "if one were to choose those states whose politics (excluding the baroque courthouse states of the South) are the most squalid, corrupt and despicable, then one would add West Virginia to that Jukes family of American politics that included Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas."⁴

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2- Report, "Bureau of Research and Survey..." April 2, 1960, p.1.

3- Ibid., p.2.

4- Theodore White. The Making of a President, 1960. p.116.

Initially, it appeared that Humphrey would prove to be a formidable opponent. Though Kennedy had earlier defeated him in his backyard, Wisconsin, the United Mineworkers, the big labor union in West Virginia, had strongly endorsed Humphrey in retaliation for Bobby and Jack's work on the McClellan committee. Interestingly, Kennedy won the labor vote in the primary.

Robert Kennedy suggested to his brother that the only way to avoid an ugly religious brawl was to ask Humphrey to withdraw. If Humphrey continued and won, he would be charged with stirring up a revival of 1928 bigotry and denounced as a tool of the anti-Catholics. That would finish him as a crusading liberal and damage the Democratic party. Humphrey, fearful of appearing as a Kennedy tool, resisted.

Kennedy was all too eager for the challenge in West Virginia. As Ken O'Donnell, his campaign aide explains, "Aside from the challenge of the religious issue, the primary in West Virginia became such a blatantly open effort on the part of all the other contenders to stop Kennedy that Jack's aroused Irish temper made him eager to plunge into it."⁵ In spite of his father's advice, Kennedy never thought of retreating from the West Virginia challenge.

The attack on Humphrey as a straw candidate (Humphrey had no actual chance of winning the nomination but served as a pawn for the stop-Kennedy movement) appealed to the West Virginians' strong sense of fair play, and built up an attractive image of

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5- Kenneth O'Donnell, et.al. "Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye," p.186.

Kennedy as the one and only genuine contender for the Presidential nomination who was concerned enough about the state and its unemployment problems to become involved in its primary.

Joseph Rauh, the chief Humphrey co-ordinator in the primaries explained the Humphrey strategy: "We considered ourselves the favorites in the next two primaries. (District of Columbia and West Virginia) The question that you couldn't debate that night was what good would it have done to win the next two. It would have killed Jack Kennedy, but it wouldn't have elected Hubert Humphrey. As you look back, if we couldn't carry Wisconsin, we couldn't nominate him. It was a kind of feeling that when you get one blow, you go back for another. Therefore, it was unanimous there to go on (there referring to a meeting in Wisconsin) except, in my recollection, for a discussion on finances-- and on finances the talk was not in the sense 'Let's give up,' but in the sense of, 'Oh G-d, what are we going to do?'"⁶

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There was some mention during the West Virginia primary of financial inequities on the part of the Kennedy campaign effort. Rauh also addresses this issue: "The Humphrey camp thought the Kennedy camp was giving the West Virginia political leaders in the different areas funds. Now I understand it's a practice in West Virginia to give funds to political leaders, which they in turn use for poll watchers and so forth, and that is not, in fact, dishonest. Whether it is or it isn't, it was our feeling that large sums were going to these leaders."⁷

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6- Joseph Rauh, recorded interview by Charles Morrissey, December 23, 1965, p.58, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

7- Ibid., pp.66-67.

Rauh has laid to rest the allegation that the Kennedy family had bought the West Virginia primary. It was a gross misconception of the complex political organization that Kennedy had created. And Rauh, leader of the opposition force, concedes that this allegation was false and inaccurate.

Kennedy had many advantages at the outset of the primary. Interestingly, his Harvard accent and urbane, sophisticated charm was wondrously accepted by the conservative, West Virginia voter. His appeal was not unlike that of Franklin Roosevelt and many voters, appreciative of the Roosevelt effort during the depression, graciously accepted Kennedy. This is apparent in an interview with a Kennedy campaign worker, Bob Myers, who reflected upon this image:

Young: What was the reaction of the West Virginians that you were with to the Harvard accent and the Eastern airs? Did you find any resentment of this in West Virginia or was he accepted as simply being a little bit different but nevertheless a good guy?

Myers: Well, I think without question the Harvard accent was an asset.

Young: This, too, brought memories of Franklin Roosevelt?

Myers: Yes. And well, maybe this again is a personal opinion, but I always feel that the outstanding public speaker is a man with... his voice can be distinctive on the radio, for example, as opposed to someone else's. I think the Harvard accent was was not resented to any extent at all and, in fact, it became a tremendous asset to him.⁸

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In order to perpetuate this Rooseveltian glamour and image,

8- Bob Myers, recorded interview by William Young, July 11, 1964, p.9, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

Kennedy employed the assistance of Franklin Roosevelt Jr. as part of the Kennedy organizational effort in West Virginia. This connection proved to be overwhelmingly effective in Kennedy's campaign.

Yet the religious factor was not to be overlooked in West Virginia. This was Kennedy's opportunity to confront and defeat the issue. Kennedy decided on a strategy for meeting the religious issue in West Virginia and the nation. He would reassert his independence of ecclesiastical pressure as often as was necessary and attempt to stigmatize as bigots those who remained opposed to him on religious grounds only. His first task would be to make clear his independence, his second, to put the haters on the defensive.

In a letter from Robert McDonough to Senator Kennedy, on May 19, 1958, McDonough first points out the religious "problem" and the difficulty in organizing support in West Virginia due to Kennedy's Catholicism. McDonough's suggestion was simple: "I know of only one way to combat this-- personal contact and the impression therefrom."⁹

The Kennedy organizational team, spearheaded by McDonough, Ted Sorenson and Ralph Dungan, confronted the issue with seven basic approaches as a response to this "problem" in West Virginia:

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(1) National statement by prominent clergy deploring issue-- mail to every West Virginia Protestant minister (from them, not Kennedy office)

9- Letter from Robert McDonough to Senator Kennedy, May 19, 1958, Pre-Presidential Papers, Papers of President Kennedy, John F. Kennedy Library

- (2) JFK TV shows-- question and answer-- 50% of questions should be on religion (same is true in all public appearances where questions possible)
 - (3) Letter from JFK to every Protestant minister and editor, (draft attached) enclosing mimeographed document on JFK record (draft attached)
 - (4) Distribute brochure on religious issue, with material from same document, pictures of JFK in uniform with Protestant leaders.
 - (5) Series of TCS meetings with Protestant clergy in each West Virginia community of any size.
 - (6) JFK TV appeal on religious issue as well as newspaper ads.
 - (7) JFK letter to every registered Democrat (draft attached)¹⁰
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The following recommendations were made by Sorenson and Dungan: on approaches 1,2,3,7-- definitely yes; on approach 5-- yes, wherever local people feel it would help; on approach 6-- last week if seems necessary; on approach 4,- definitely no, too much like the hate-group approach.¹¹

As can be witnessed by the aforementioned memorandum, Kennedy enjoyed a highly-polished organizational mechanism, directed by such loyal politicians as Theodore Sorenson, Ralph Dungan and Lawrence O'Brien, as well as a highly-developed contingency of local politicians; its network of operations reaching all the major voting districts in West Virginia. These local politicians, organized by McDonough, dedicated themselves to a Kennedy primary victory. Religion would be a sensitive issue in West Virginia and the burden was placed on these workers to ease the tension of Kennedy's Catholicism. One of the most

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10- Memorandum, Ted Sorenson and Ralph Dungan to Senator John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, April 18, 1960, Pre-Presidential Papers, Papers of President Kennedy, John F. Kennedy Library.

11- Ibid.

interesting aspects of the campaign, which truly symbolized the sensitivity of the religious factor, were the social pressures levied against these local politicians for working on the Kennedy campaign. I examined a series of interviews furnished by the John F. Kennedy Oral History Interview Program. Though not all claimed discomfort in supporting Kennedy, these excerpts are enlightening and do shed a light on the severity of the religious factor in West Virginia.

Bob Myers directed the campaign effort in the local suburbs outside of Charleston. He disclaims any personal antagonism levied against him but does discuss the brevity of religion in his district:

Important points

Young: There have been reports from some of the people who have been interviewed in West Virginia that members of their family because they were associated with the Catholic candidate, felt social pressure. Not exactly not being invited to the right garden party, but things of that sort. Were you or members of your family ever aware of anything of this nature?

Myers: No, I never... I sometimes think when you get involved in an emotional issue of this type that... Again, maybe I'm being too broadminded, but we never experienced anything of this nature at all, not in the slightest. Quite often, I think, individuals might use something of this nature as an excuse for why they weren't invited somewhere or something. But no, I never... Perhaps, I'm sure, up in the mountains of West Virginia, in some counties, this might be true but this was never an issue.

Young: How do you feel your own predictions held up with respect to religion as an issue?

Myers: well-- and again maybe I'm playing

it down-- I know that religion was a tremendous factor. I do feel that most of the Protestants, if I had to guess, felt certainly that a Catholic had a right to be President, but likewise, they were concerned. They were a little bit afraid for a Catholic to be President. We lost this county, (Cabel County) Kennedy was defeated and Humphrey won. I think Kennedy would have won without question had he not been a Catholic. But I think my prediction was reasonably valid because we put the religious issue to bed in West Virginia in 1960 with regard to presidential campaigns, I believe.¹²

Alfred Chapman, a West Virginia delegate at the 1960 Democratic National Convention, was quite specific on the antagonism that he personally encountered during the primary:

Young: What was the basis of the ridicule and the smearing? What were the charges leveled against you most frequently?

Chapman: That he was a Catholic, and Catholics didn't have a chance. That I ought to have been ashamed of myself for pushing a Catholic for a high office of President...

Young: Mr. Chapman, a minute ago while I was changing the tape you mentioned that you yourself were personally attacked by this. Would you describe that, that you were telling me?

Chapman: I was. Yes. The wife had received telephone calls nearly every day in the week for the entire years of 1959 and 1960. Even after I came back from the Convention, I was attacked very brutally. She would receive telephone calls telling her to look out the window, that two men in their white coats were coming down to get me with a strait jacket. She said, "What are you talking about?" "Well," he says, "he's a nut. He's an idiot. He belongs in a nut house because he's supporting Jack Kennedy."¹³

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12- Loc.cit., p.8.

13- Alfred Chapman, recorded interview by William Young, February 15, 1965, pp.14-15, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

Charles M. Love Jr., an attorney-at-law, was in charge of the fourteenth district, and discusses the people who threatened him; the people who feared Kennedy's connection with the Roman Catholic Church:

Young: Did you ever experience any personal attacks or anonymous mail from anti-Catholics because of your support for the Senator?

Love: I really did. Do you want to see them? I have many in my file. They weren't all anonymous. Yes, I had a lot of anonymous attacks but I also had letters that were signed by people-- people didn't make any bones about signing them and sending them to you.

Young: Well, while you're checking your file, could I ask you this question-- did you have any anonymous phone calls?

Love: Yes.

Young: People just hang up-- call-and--

Love: Yes. Most of them were people apparently without much education or learning-- they'd just call you up, curse you out-- call you a-- oh, anything-- no use repeating the vile names. Some of them called me--

Young: Did you get very many during the course of the campaign?

Love: Oh, yes-- many of them, I have some letters that were signed--

Young: Mr. Love, would you please read an excerpt from one or two letters or summarize the general nature of the anti-Catholic attacks which come to your attention at least?

Love: Well, this attack came from people all over the state-- I think from more or less uneducated people generally, and then a great deal of literature was mailed into West Virginia from out of the state. I had anonymous telephone calls and also people would accost me on the street and talk to me about it. One of the letters that I received has this: "Your advocacy of the Kennedy cause indicates clearly that you know little indeed of the dark history of the

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Roman Church per se, brilliant lawyer though you may be. Why any good Protestant would or could advocate the cause of any Catholic for President of this great and predominantly Protestant nation, is, I confess, past my ken." Now I'm still quoting: "I would request that you explain to me why you would trust any Catholic after knowing that this young weakling rescinded his acceptance at the dedicatory ceremony of the Philadelphia chapel on orders of the Roman Catholic bishop. Might he not as President be equally dominated by the Church masters, even though world-shocking decisions were to be made. Wake up Mr. Love, while there is still yet time and vot for anybody but Kennedy."-- and so forth.¹⁴

OK - important labor district.

Michael Gretchen, who headed District Six, the area comprised of the coal miners and the United Mine Workers Union, was particularly enlightening even though this district was pro-Kennedy and heavily Catholic. Religion was thus, not a key issue in every district:

Young: Mike, there's something else that always comes up in any discussion of the 1960 primary and that, of course, is the issue of the president's religion. Since this is a part of West Virginia which contains greater number of members of the Catholic faith, would you comment on his religion as it affected the campaign in this part of the state?

Gretchen: I don't think that religion affected the campaign one way or the other, but of course the majority of the Catholic people in this area were glad to see a man like Kennedy running for the presidency. But there were people in this area who were more or less against Catholics but they were 100% for Kennedy. It seemed like everybody was out for him because Senator

14- Charles Love, recorded interview by William Young, July 14, 1964, pp. 5-6, John F. Kennedy Oral History Program.

Kennedy impressed them that he was a good man and would make a good president, and religion, in my opinion, did not enter into the campaign.¹⁵

John Chernenko also denied that religion was a major factor in the primary. But here again, it is important to note that Chernenko was county chairman of Brooke County, a very cosmopolitan and more liberal county. His reference to Boston agitators creating the religious conflict, was quite interesting to me:

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Young: Well John, Brooke County is a county that has a very cosmopolitan population, a great many immigrants, of course, from many different parts of Europe. How did religion figure as an issue in this particular part of the state? In the primary election?

Chernenko: Religion wasn't an issue in our county.

Young: you mean there weren't then sermons either for or against Kennedy, and there were not...

Chernenko: There were a few crackpots who would come in from Boston, but they didn't stay too long.

Young: You mean these were the people that were stirring up anti-Catholic sentiment?

Chernenko: Yes.¹⁶

William Thaw, of Tyler County, which is basically rural but middle class, brings us back to the embroiling conflict of religion. His remarks seem to typify the prevailing feeling of the voluminous interviews recorded:

15- Michael Gretchen, recorded interview by William Young, February 23, 1965, pp.4-5, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

16- John Chernenko, recorded interview by William Young, Sept-8, 1964, p.4, John F. Kennedy Oral History Program.

Young: Did religion become an issue in the campaign in Tyler County?

Thaw: Yes, we had a very bad situation here, where, I would say, those people who were strong church people of the Protestant faith were very opposed to the President's candidacy on a religious basis. And I ran into a great deal of religious bigotry.

Young: Well, do you remember any of the exact details of what they feared from the possibility of a Catholic President?

Thaw: The old, old story, you know; the Pope's going to run the White House-- this, that, and the other. I am a member of the Masonic lodge and I am a Shriner. I had a member of the Masonic lodge come to me and ask me how I could support Kennedy and be a good Mason. Now, that's how bad it got.

Young: Mayor Thaw, did you find the objection on religious ground limited to any particular denomination? Were some denominations more tolerant and others less tolerant?

Thaw: No, I think it was a general thing. I think the more fundamental the religion, the more vigorous the opposition. Of course, I still think, that after the votes have been counted here in the primary-- I really believe, in fact, not only in the primary but in the general-- I think in the final analysis, those people who were using religion against Kennedy were against him anyway.¹⁷

In an interview with Reverend Harley Evan Bailey of Wood County, again the interviewer asked if any particular denomination was more boisterous and vocal on the religious issue. Bailey contends that the Baptist and Methodist denominations were the most active in the anti-Catholic crusade.¹⁸

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reference!*

There are many conclusions that can be ascertained from these recorded interviews. Perhaps the most revealing deduction

17- William Thaw, recorded interview by William Young, July 31, 1964, pp.4-5, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

18- Reverend Harley Evan Bailey, recorded interview by William Young, December 5, 1964, p.10, John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Program.

was that religious bigotry was prevalent, especially in the rural areas, where Catholics were either of a small percentage or of no percentage at all. In fact, as the West Virginia primary entered the final weeks, it appeared that there was more concern among Protestants about Church pressures on a Catholic candidate where there were almost no Catholics than there were in areas with substantial number of Catholics. It seemed that living and working among them as neighbors inclined people to be less attentive to such remote considerations. The phenomenon of assimilation throughout decades of American social history was being pointed up. Not all of the staff leaders witnessed this bigotry; the levels of religious intolerance was dependent upon socio-economic boundaries.

There were four basic fears of the Protestants to a Catholic President: (1) American Catholicism is not essentially different from historic European Catholicism, and thus what has happened in Spain could happen here; (2) Catholics, when strong enough, will seek preferential legislation; (3) A Catholic might have an allegiance above his allegiance to the Constitution; and (4) We do not know what Catholics really believe because there is so little communication with them.¹⁹

good analysis

Such allegations demanded a personal response from Senator Kennedy: "When I swore to 'preserve, protect and defend' the Constitution as Commander of a World War II PT boat lost in action, no one said my religion made me ineligible; no one

19- Report, "The Fears of Protestantism...", April 4, 1960, p.1.

has found a single vote of mine in 14 years of Congressional service which did not demonstrate complete independence of action, and complete dedication to keeping church and state separate. Time after time, I have answered every question, differing with leaders of my own church and satisfied the leaders of every other church."²⁰

It is pertinent to note that Kennedy had opposed a number of positions taken by Catholic organizations and members of the hierarchy. He attended non-Catholic schools, from the elementary grades to Harvard. In Congress, Kennedy favored aid to Yugoslavia, aid to Communist satellite states, and the naming of James B. Conant as our first ambassador to West Germany. Some Catholic groups opposed the first two, and Catholics generally bridled at Conant because of his opposition to parochial schools as perpetuating a dual educational system he believed unhealthy for America.

good point

On a lighter note, on the night of the primary, Kennedy went with his friend Ben Bradlee to a pornographic film. They wondered aloud if the movie was on the Catholic index of forbidden films (it was), and whether or not there were any votes in it either way for Kennedy in allegedly anti-Catholic West Virginia if it were known that he was in attendance.²¹

as well!!

The West Virginia primary resulted in a convincing victory for the Senator from Massachusetts. In this 95% Protestant state, Kennedy carried 61% of the vote and 48 out of the 55

20- Speech, John F. Kennedy to West Virginia Democrats, April 18, 1960, Pre-Presidential Papers, Papers of President Kennedy, John F. Kennedy Library.

21- Benjamin Bradlee. Conversations With Kennedy. p.27.

counties, which lead many political observers to claim that Kennedy actually won the nomination in West Virginia rather than in Los Angeles, because he deadened the one damaging aspect of his vote-getting ability; his religion.

There were a myriad of reasons why Kennedy captured the West Virginia primary. Bob Myers reflects on a few of these reasons: "He spent hours and days and days going to every nook and cranny of West Virginia, saw our problem, was tremendously impressed by the gentleness of our people. Those of us that know New Yorkers or New Englanders sometimes regard them as harsh, so I think he was impressed by this gentleness and politeness that West Virginia had shown to him. He remarked on that a number of times. But all in all, those of us that started early were immediately captured by his personal magnetism, the magnetism of his family as a total unit, and the total Kennedy package. And through him this image was projected throughout the state. I think Kennedy was our President."²² *OK - good quote.*

Chapman, First District delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, summarized in an interview, the specific attraction that Kennedy had in West Virginia:

Young: Mr. Chapman, if you were to summarize, what do you think were the chief reasons for Senator Kennedy's victory in the First District?

Chapman: He was forward; he was honest in every statement that he made; he appealed to the people the same as Woodrow Wilson appealed to the people in 1912.

Young: Can you think of anything that Senator Kennedy advocated that had any particular appeal in this part of West Virginia? We don't think of this section as being part of the Coalfield Appalachia. Is there anything in the Kennedy program that was directed to You?

Chapman: to eliminate poverty.

Young: The poverty appeal had some affect here then?

Chapman: That's right. That's right because at that time the mills were moving out. Wheeling Steel has moved into the state of Ohio due to taxation. The people here were left with their homes and no employment. The factories were shutting down. The mines weren't operating steadily. Therefore, he came with an appeal that he would try to help the people in the state of West Virginia, and wherever it was necessary, in the United States.²³

Even though the primary was over, the ramifications of OK
the religious issue were still apparent. Yet in examining the recorded interviews, there exists some discrepancy as to the impact of Catholicism upon the general election. Myers claims that there was a diminution of anti-Catholic feeling in West Virginia by the general election because the people were proud that they were able to participate forcibly in a general election and that they had proven to the nation that West Virginia was not a state of bigots.²⁴

However, Reverend Bailey claims that the people who were opposed to Kennedy in the primary fought him even harder between the primary and the general election.²⁵ Though there are contradictions on this point, there was a trend after the primary for

23- Alfred Chapman, recorded interview by William Young, pp.18-19.

24- op.cit., pp.11-12.

25- Rev. Bailey, recorded interview by William Young, p.5.

state politicians to shy away from Kennedy on the Democratic ticket. Here again, the evidence is not conclusive:

Young: Mr. Bailey, do you think that the Democratic politicians running on the Democratic ticket in the general election felt that a Catholic at the head of the ticket might pull votes away from them? Was there any reluctance on the part of the gubernatorial or senatorial candidates to be associated with the national ticket in the general election, because of the President's religion?

Rev. Bailey: There was a little shyness there but I don't think it amounted to a whole lot. I think that on the part of some, there was the fact that they just wanted to pull away, but as a whole, I don't think that was too noticeable.²⁶

Charles Love's interview was a bit more enlightening concerning state politician's reluctance to join the Kennedy ticket. However, Love could only remember that before the primary, Kennedy received little support from the regular state politicians running for re-election. It is hard to ascertain whether this was out of an anti-Catholic sentiment or a complete abhorrence with Kennedy's stands on contemporary issues.

There was a very limited amount of documentation on the role Kennedy's Catholicism played in West Virginia after the primary. The paucity of available information is regrettable. Yet the impact during the primary is amply portrayed by the interviews.

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Kennedy's win in West Virginia, a victory for his precise

organizational support, and his addressing the issues in an exhaustive campaign effort, was well-deserved. In addition, political scientists who argued that Kennedy should not have risked his candidacy in West Virginia because of the divisive religious issue, completely underestimated the charm of the West Virginia voter. This voter, though well beneath the median income, is fiercely proud and patriotic. Kennedy's identity with Roosevelt, the Navy and his promise to provide relief in Appalachia if elected President, provided Kennedy with the key to victory.

Kennedy won the nomination in West Virginia when he proved to the nation that a Catholic could win in a non-Catholic state; that voting against him because of his religion, was bigoted and un-American. West Virginia did not want to think of herself as un-American; she voted for Kennedy.

Bamy -

Excellent use of research materials available under the time constraints of the course. You have effectively maximized and marshaled the evidence and put it into a very readable, clear and concise paper.

Overall it is very well written and having the few long quotes which would have been concisely done, it is an excellent job. West Virginia will be better understood for your research. (A) mm

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Your letter to President Carter concerning former President John F. Kennedy has been referred to me.

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Very truly yours,

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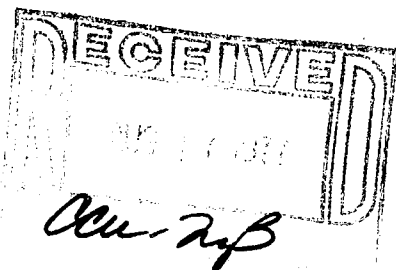
I ask of you one simple question. Do you have any plans to answer the questions still left by the murder of President John Kennedy? If so, do you plan to restate past lies, or look for the facts? I have grave doubts about the validity of the Warren Commission's findings that Oswald was the lone assassin. I see no justification for the Government's policy of keeping evidence locked up in the national capital and Archives; nor can I condone the autopsy x-rays and photographs. These questions must be answered before your office can brake the strings of military dominance. These questions must be answered before people will once again believe in freedom and justice for all. There are many people with a particular intrest to these unanswered questions. People that write to you asking "Who really runs our country?" really have an intrest to know. I hope you have the courage to stand for total morality. I am very pleased, as are others I have talked with, at your effort to control the military empire that visably runs our country. Please think on these matters.

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Re: the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. President:

As a concerned citizen, and being intimately knowledgeable about many of the circumstances surrounding the assassinations within our country during the past decade and a half, I consider it of paramount importance that the American people be fully informed about the whole truths behind these history-altering tragedies.

For too long now, the uncertainties, half-truths, and blatant falsehoods about these events have led to widespread frustration and a disrespect for and lack of faith in our governmental institutions.

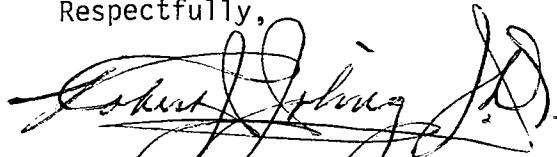
The Robert Kennedy assassination was attendant with such obstructions by local law enforcement officials. Proof of this was presented before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors this very day. Because of this unacceptable situation, I have called upon this senior government body to formally request that you assign the United States Department of Justice to enter the Robert Kennedy assassination matter forthwith, in order to separate fact from fiction through the use of objective reasoning and logical hypotheses.

In accord with this request, I implore your assistance through the directing of the Attorney General to assume full and complete responsibility for the future handling of this matter.

You may be assured of my cooperation and assistance if deemed useful and necessary.

RJJ:mc

Respectfully,



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-Executive Committee 1959-60	
-Interprofessional Committee	
Wisconsin Governor's Committee on Law Enforcement & Crime; Subcommittee on Scientific Evidence - 1967-70	
Pima County Bar Association (Associate - Arizona)	Current
American Bar Association	Current

Professional Memberships Continued:

American Arbitration Association	Current
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (F)	
American Academy for the Advancement of Science	
American Society of Hospital Attorneys	Current
American College of Legal Medicine (AL)	Current
The International Association of Traffic Medicine	Current
International Association of Forensic Science	Current
Vice President - 1975-78	
The British Academy of Forensic Science	Current
Society for Health & Human Values	Current
The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc.	1969-76
-Founder 1969	
-Trustee 1969-76	
-Secretary-Treasurer 1969-73	
-Chairman of the Board of Trustees 1973-74	
-Member of Project Team - BNDD 71-20	
Narcotic Early Warning Detection System 1971-72	
-Member of Joint Advisory Committee, LEAA	
Project #71-NI-99-0052-G, 1973-75	
Assessment of For. Sci. In Crim. Justice Process	
The American Academy of Forensic Sciences	Current
-Secretary Jurisprudence Section 1960 & 1973	
-Chairman Juris. Section 1961	
-Council 1960 & 1973	
-Co-Program Chairman 1962	
-Editor of What's New In Forensic Sciences 1964-67	

Professional Memberships Continued:

- Executive Committee
1968-71 & 1973-76
 - Program Chairman 1971
 - Plenary Session Speaker
1962, 1963, 1968, 1976
 - Section Program Speaker
1960, 1970, 1973, 1976
 - Site Committee Chairman
1971-76
 - Constitution & ByLaws
Committee 1972, 1973,
1974
 - Vice President 1973-74
 - President Elect 1974-75
 - President 1975-76
 - Past President 1976-
- The Milton Helpem International
Center for the Forensic
Sciences

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 1949 - The National Honorary Historical Fraternity
for outstanding and conspicuous attainment
in the field of History - Phi Alpha Theta
- 1973 - 1974 "Award of Merit" - The American Academy
of Forensic Sciences for outstanding contribu-
tions to the field of forensic science
- 1975 - Elected President of The American Academy of
Forensic Sciences for the years 1975-76
- 1975 - Elected Vice-President of The International
Association of Forensic Sciences for the years
1975-78
- 1976 - "Award of Merit" - The American Academy of
Forensic Sciences for outstanding service to
the Academy

LISTINGS:

- "Who's Who In The Midwest" - Marquis Publication
- "The World's Who's Who In Finance and Industry" -
Marquis Publication
- "Leaders in American Science" - Who's Who in American
Ed'n. Inc. Publ.

Listings Continued:

"Personalities of the West and Midwest" - Marquis
Publication

"Dictionary of International Biography" - Melrose
Press

EDITOR: The International Bibliography of the Forensic Sciences
Editorial Staff: Jurisprudence - Robert J. Joling,
Oliver Schroeder

PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Legal Commentaries on Suicide by Fire", Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 7, No. 4, October, 1962.
2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Legal Commentaries on the Forensic Scientist in Court", Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 8, No. 3, July, 1963.
3. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Footprints: Quantum of Proof", Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 13, No. 2, April, 1968.
4. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Modern Concept of Informed Consent", Arizona Medicine, July, 1972.
5. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Time of Death, Arizona Medicine, March, 1973; REPRINTED: International Barrister, October, 1973.
6. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Educating the Forensic Jurisprudent", Journal of Forensic Sciences, April, 1974.
7. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Legal Aspects of Emergency Medical Services", Journal of Trauma, Vol. 15, No. 5, May, 1975.
8. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Informed Consent, Confidentiality and Privilege in Psychiatry", The Bulletin, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Vol. II, No. 2, June, 1974.
9. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Socio-Medical and Legal Aspects of Alcoholism", Arizona Medicine, September, 1974.

Published Journal Articles Continued:

10. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Sudden Infant Death: Legal Aspects", Proceedings of the Francis E. Camps International Symposium on Sudden Infant Death, Toronto, Canada, 1974.
11. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Socio-Medical-Legal Aspects of Alcoholism", Proceedings of The 6th International Symposium on Alcohol, Drugs, and Traffic Safety, Toronto, Canada, 1974.
12. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Abortion - Breath of Life", Medical Trial Technique Quarterly, Fall, 1974.
13. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Legal Aspects of Sex Motivated Crimes", Published in "Sex, Drugs and Death" as part of the Plenary Sessions of the 3rd Western Conference on Criminal and Civil Problems. Inform, May, 1974, Wichita, Ka. Copyright, 1975. INFORM, the International Reference Organization in Forensic Medicine.
14. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy", Published as part of the Plenary Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Criminal & Civil Justice, Wichita, Kansas, Copyright, INFORM, November, 1975.
15. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The JFK Assassination: Still An Unsolved Murder Mystery, Part 111," The Saturday Evening Post, December, 1975, The Curtis Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind., 1975.
16. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Policeman as a Witness", Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 21, No. 1, January, 1976.
17. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Unsolved Murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy", Argosy Magazine, July, 1976, New York, New York, 1976.
18. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Problems of Freedom and Responsibility in the Forensic Sciences," Vol. 21, No. 4, October, 1976, Journal of Forensic Sciences, Published as part of the Plenary Session on Ethics and the Forensic Sciences, February 19, 1976, Washington, D.C.

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2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "A Review of Criminal Interrogation and Confession", Reference: Inbau, F.E., and Reid, J., Criminal Interrogation and Confession, 2nd Edition, Williams & Williams Co., Baltimore, Md., 1967; Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 18, No. 4, October, 1973.

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1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Medical Jurisprudence in Medical Schools, 1973", Legal Medicine Annual, 1974, Appleton-Century-Crofts. New York, Pp. 369-394.
2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Authority to Examine and Dispose of the Dead", Chapter 9, Gradwohl's 3rd Edition, Legal Medicine; Co-authors: Lucas, Bernard, M.D., and Camps (Robinson), Anne, M.D., Wright Publ. Co., London, England, Pp. 106-108, 1976.
3. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Therapeutic and Criminal Abortion", Chapter 23, Gradwohl's 3rd Edition, Legal Medicine, Co-authors: Lucas, Bernard, M.D., and Camps (Robinson), Anne, M.D., Wright Publ. Co., London, England, Pp. 390-394, 1976.
4. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Sexual Offenses, Divorce and Nullity", Chapter 23, Gradwohl's 3rd Edition, Legal Medicine, Co-authors: Lucas, Bernard, M.D., and Camps (Robinson), Anne, M.D., Wright Publ. Co., London, England, Pp. 405-408, 1976.
5. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Law Relating to Medical Practice in the United States", Chapter 26, Gradwohl's 3rd Edition, Legal Medicine, Co-authors: Lucas, Bernard, M.D., and Camps (Robinson), Anne, M.D., Wright Publ. Co., London, England, Pp. 419-429, 1976.
6. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Property of the Dead Body", Forensic Medicine: A Study in Trauma and Environmental Hazards, Ed: Tedeshi, W.B. Saunders Co., Publ., Philadelphia, London & Toronto, 1977.
7. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Pain Patient: Medicolegal Aspects", Chapter 15, Management of Pain, Co-author: Brown, Burnell R., M.D., John Wiley & Sons, Publ. Scheduled for publication 1977.
8. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Legal Responsibilities of the Practicing Physician", to be published in early 1977 by Pinecliff Publishing Company, Pacific Palisades, California.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS:

1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Dispensing or Prescribing Controlled Drugs or Medications", Journal of Legal Medicine, Official publication of The American College of Legal Medicine, 1975.

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOTAPES:

1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Medical Negligence", a Medical Jurisprudence Educational Production, University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Medical Jurisprudence", a Medical Jurisprudence Educational Production for Medical Educators planning implementation of Medical Jurisprudence into the Curriculum, University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
3. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Informed Consent", a Medical Jurisprudence Educational Production, University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-Media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
4. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Contracts", A Medical Jurisprudence Educational Production for Physicians, University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

MEDICOLEGAL EDUCATIONAL VIDEOTAPED SEMINARS:

1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, November, 1972
Series Title: "X-Rated Emotions"
Program Title: Battered Baby Syndrome
Participants: Dr. C. Henry Kempe, Dr. Maier I. Tuchler, Attorney Henry Rothblatt.
Synopsis: An overall view of the battered child, including definition, why a child gets battered, who does the battering, past and present statistics, and characteristics of battering parents. Need for changes on behalf of parent and child. The psychotherapy and psychopathology, focusing on intervention, role-reversal, comprehension, neglect and abuse together with rejection. Need for child assistance. Questions and Answers.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1972.

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "The Philosophy of Dying"
Program Title: "The Physician's Role in the Problem of the Dying Patient"
Participants: Dr. Jeffrie Murphy (Ph.D), David Ogden, M.D., Charles Zukoski, M.D.
Synopsis: Exploration of philosophy of death, the role of homotransplants, social and legal situations attendant to death.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
3. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "Environmental Suicide"
Program Title: "Man and His Environment"
Participants: Dr. Arthur Grollman, and Charles Wilber, Ph.D.
Synopsis: Problems of environmental pollution and overpopulation. Toxic effects of pollutants, research toward search for cure, consideration of damaging effects on brain and controlled technological advances. Polluted waters, the aquatic ecosystem, reversal process of pollution.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
4. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "Emergency Medical Services"
Program Title: "Organization of the Emergency Room Department"
Participants: Leonard Peltier, M.D., Christopher J. Heller, M.D.
Synopsis: Function of the emergency room, the need for change to strictly emergency care, and need for 24 hour outpatient clinic. Future role of the Emergency Room and its responsibilities to the community. Training, record keeping, organization, responsibility, size, physical make-up of department, technical expertise, and requirements of physicians. The pathologist's role in E.R. care.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

5. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "Environmental Suicide"
Program Title: "The Pathological Effects of Pollutants"
Participants: James T. Weston, M.D., Emanuel Tanay, M.D.
Synopsis: Parameters of traffic deaths: Man, environment, and death. Psychiatric, pathological, surgical, engineering, and emergency services. The role of the psychiatrist in obtaining a quality environment.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
6. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: Emergency Medical Services
Program Title: "Personnel Utilization in the Emergency Room Department"
Participants: Kay Fiscella, R.N., Gerald Looney, M.D., and Arnold J. Arem, M.D.
Synopsis: The function of the nurse, physicians' assistants, and the physician in training as they relate to the emergency room.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
7. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "Emergency Medical Services"
Program Title: "Role of the Cardiologist and Current Treatment for Cardiac Arrest"
Participants: Louis J. Kettel, M.D., and Gordon A. Ewy, M.D.
Synopsis: Focused primarily on current treatment for cardiac arrest using mobile coronary care unit. Stresses need for extending emergency care out of hospital environment. Describes current care, statistics, and effect of immediate care. The Patient in Acute Respiratory Distress with general concepts on how to attack problems.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

8. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1973
Series Title: "Emergency Medical Services"
Program Title: "Problems and Pitfalls in Recognizing Acute Abdomens in the Emergency Room"
Participants: William F. Holsey, M.D., Paul R. Finley, M.D., and David M. Paul, M.D. (Her Majesty's Coroner of London, England)
Synopsis: Divided into two parts: Acute abdomens in non-traumatic situations and those secondary to trauma. Diagnostic requirements, history, evaluation and physical exam. Symptoms of patients with acute abdomens. Trauma and its relation to Fat Embolism. History of fat embolism, cases, present research and statistics. Specific function of Department of Pathology.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1973.
9. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: The Assassinations of the Past Decade.
Program Title: "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy"
Participants: Robert J. Joling, J.D., and Cyril H. Wecht, M.D.
Synopsis: Film, slides, photographs, charts of major findings of the Warren Commission Report. Questions and Answers.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
10. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Dying Is For Everyone"
Program Title: "Dying is a Problem for Young and Old"
Participants: David Ogden, M.D., Oliver Schroeder, Jr., J.D.
Synopsis: Experience with patient's having kidney disease. Educating the patient, moral and ethical issues, role of the physician. Kidney replacement and related problems. Discussing the process of dying with that of living. Abortions, transplants, wrongful deaths, with economic and socio-political issues. The choices and who makes them.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

11. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Dying Is For Everyone"
Program Title: "Preparing the Doctor and the Nurse to Handle the Inevitable"
Participants: Robert Anderson, M.D., Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., Oliver Schroeder, Jr., J.D., David Ogden, M.D., Robert J. Joling, J.D.
Synopsis: Discusses why physicians and nurses often have inappropriate emotional responses to death. Personal and social involvement and responsibility. The chronological and medicolegal aspect of the process of dying. Focus on question of when does death occur and how this relates to transplants. Questions and Answers.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
12. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Time of Death"
Program Title: "Is Society Ready to Face the Reality of Terminal Treatment?"
Participants: The Honorable William Frey, Oscar Thorup, M.D., Willard Pedrick, J.D.
Synopsis: Describes terminal treatment is a legal as well as medical problem focusing on rights of individual decreed by the courts. Outlines responsibility for terminal treatment and legal support, the medical doctor's dilemma, the definitions of death, metaphysical and legal determinants, and the need for more precise tests to determine when death occurs.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
13. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "The Physician's Role with the Dying Patient"
Program Title: "Maintaining the Integrity of the Profession"
Participants: Robert Anderson, M.D., Oliver Schroeder, Jr., J.D., Maier I. Tuchler, M.D.
Synopsis: Transference of uncomfortableness by physician to nurse or family. Phases of death, right to life vs right to die, with

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differences noted in death when talking in the scientific, legal, political, social, economic, familial, individual and cultural veins. Medical Electives for the terminally ill patient and physician's responsibility.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

14. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Physician's Role with the Dying Patient"
Program Title: "Children Die Too!"
Participants: High Thompson, M.D., Paul Wainscott, M.D., and Herbert Pollack, M.D.
Synopsis: Developmental stages of death recognition in child. Attitude and method of approach for physician towards child, siblings, parents preceeding and at time of death. The defined role of the physician as it relates to family at time of death. Educating the professional on human behavior and development.
Availability: University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
15. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Time of Death"
Program Title: "The Right to Die"
Participants: Jeffrie Murphy, Ph.D., Honorable William Frey. Oscar Thorup, M.D., Willard Pedrick, J.D.
Synopsis: The philosophical perspectives and the right to die, exploring the philosophy of death, what people need as they face death, the legal aspects of death, social institutions and death.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

16. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Death and the Pathologist"
Program Title: "Cultural Attitudes Toward the Human Body"
Participants: Edward Brucker, M.D., David Paul (her Majesty's Coroner of London, England), William Willard, Ph.D.
Synopsis: Three different cultural attitudes toward the human body - Native American Indian, Mexican, and Anglo Saxon. Legal way bodies can be used for autopsy. The English Coroner System, the American Coroner System History, and the present day Arizona Coroner System (1974).
Availability: University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
17. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Death and the Pathologist"
Program Title: "The State Medical Investigator System"
Participants: James T. Weston, M.D., Milton Helporn, M.D.
Synopsis: The medical investigator system in several states and cities. Interrelationship to other sections of government. Questions and Answers.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
18. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "The Battered Child"
Program Title: "The Police and the Battered Child"
Participants: Detective Dan Newman, Tucson City Police Department
Synopsis: Legal and social responsibilities of the police relating to child, parent and guardian. Dilemma facing police.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
19. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "The Battered Child"
Program Title: "The Pediatrician and the Battered Baby"

Medicolegal Educational Videotaped Seminars Continued:

Participants: Hugh Thompson, M.D., George Comerici, M.D.

Synopsis: Role of pediatrician and other health practitioners in coping with battered child. Frustrations, emotional reactions, ethical dilemma, psychological aspects in treating the child and confronting the parents or guardian. The realities, broad spectrum, and the rights of child and parents in light of child's needs.

Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

20. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974

Series Title: "The Battered Child"

Program Title: "Questions and Answers Relating to the Battered Child"

Participants: John Caffey, M.D., Daniel Newman, Sgt., Hugh Thompson, M.D., George Comerici, M.D.

Synopsis: Questions and answers relating to the problems arising from the battering of a child.

Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

21. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974

Series Title: "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome"

Program Title: "S.I.D.S. and the Pediatrician"

Participants: Thomas Harris, M.D., Larry Lewman, M.D.

Synopsis: Conditions, pathological findings, etiology, parental response, in sudden infant death cases. State Medical Examiner System and the reporting of SIDS in Oregon. Education of nurses, physicians, parents, paramedics, police and social agency employees involved in SIDS.

Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

22. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974

Series Title: "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome"

Program Title: "Sleep Apnea in SIDS"

Participants: William Curran, J.D., LLM, Alfred Steinschneider, M.D.

Synopsis: Theory of physiological changes during sleep emphasizing sleep apnea as a part of

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and not entire cause of SIDS. The Law and SIDS, emphasizing legal problems, questions of disease, crime, autopsy, police involvement.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.

23. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1974
Series Title: "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome"
Program Title: "Questions and Answers Relating to SIDS"
Participants: William Curran, LLM, Thomas Harris, M.D., Larry Lewman, M.D., Alfred Steinschneider, M.D.
Synopsis: Questions and Answers given relative to problems arising in SIDS
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1974.
24. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1975
Series Title: "Assassinations of the Past Decade"
Program Title: "The Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King"
Participants: Jerry T. Francisco, M.D.
Synopsis: Presentation of the medicolegal findings associated with the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Includes illustrative material to give some perspective of the circumstances, situation and geography of the shooting as well as facts surrounding the assassination.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.
25. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer, 1975
Series Title: "The Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy"
Program Title: "Ballistic Determinants in the Assassination of Senator Kennedy"
Participants: Robert J. Joling, J.D., Thomas Noguchi, M.D., Herbert MacDonell, B.S.
Synopsis: An explanation of the alleged differences of bullets found in the body of Senator Kennedy. Newsman Wesiel and the gun of Sirhan. The autopsy findings are discussed and involvement of the forensic pathologist.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.

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26. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer 1975
Series Title: "The Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy"
Program Title: "Neutron Activation Analysis of Bullet Fragments in the Assassination of Robert Kennedy"
Participants: Vincent P. Guinn, Ph.D., Milton Helpern, M.D., Godfrey Isaac, J.D.
Synopsis: Explains the process of Neutron Activation Analysis, Bullets fired during the assassination of Senator Kennedy not subjected to NAA, and speaker recommends in future assassinations of this magnitude the same be utilized.
Availability: Multi-media Library, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.
27. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer 1975
Series Title: "The Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy"
Program Title: "Questions and Answers to the Assassination of Senator Kennedy"
Participants: Milton Helpern, M.D., Godfrey Isaac, J.D., Vincent P. Guinn, Ph.D., Herbert MacDonell, B.S.
Synopsis: Audience participation in questions and answers placed to participants in program.
Availability: University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.
28. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer 1975
Series Title: "Tracing the 12 Cranial Nerves"
Program Title: "Dissection of the Human Brain"
Participants: Andrew Cyrus, M.D.
Synopsis: A neuropathological dissection of the brain tracing the 12 cranial nerves is demonstrated with explanation of functions of various sections of the brain and disease recognition.
Availability: University of Arizona College of Medicine Multi-media Library, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.

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29. Joling, Robert J., J.D., Producer 1975
Series Title: "The Medicolegal Investigation of Death"
Program Title: "A Postmortem Examination in a Suspected Overdose Death"
Participants: Milton Helpern, M.D.
Synopsis: A 3 hour and 15 minute, step by step procedure in performing a medicolegal autopsy is illustrated by former medical examiner of New York City.
Availability: Multi-media Library University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona, 1975.

EDUCATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMS:

1. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Informed Consent", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
2. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Medical Negligence", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
3. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Medicolegal Report", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
4. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Malpractice Myths", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
5. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Legal Concepts of Res Ipsa Loquitur as Applied to Daily Medical Practice", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
6. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Patient's Rights", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1974.
7. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Malpractice by Unfulfilled Assurances", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1975.
8. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Malpractice: Are Sponge Counts Really Necessary?" Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1975.

Educational Radio Programs Continued:

21. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Operating in Presence of Elevated Temperature", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
22. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Liability for Failure to Diagnose and Treat", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
23. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Failure to Report Battered Child Syndrome", Physician's Radio Network, 1976.
24. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Value of A Chance", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
25. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Pointers on Giving Testimony", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
26. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Physician and the Technologist: X-Radiation Exposure", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
27. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Reading Nurses' Notes", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
28. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "How High The Standard of Care? Only The Jury Knows!", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
29. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Why Not Sue The Hospital Instead of the Doctor?", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
30. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Should Minor Retardates Be Sterilized?" Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
31. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Why Record Negative Findings?" Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
32. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Hospital Incident Reports are Not For Casual Observers!" Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.

Educational Radio Programs Continued:

33. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "The Karen Quinlan Case: No Panacea for Practitioners", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
34. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Blood: Sale or Service Statutes Do Not Rule Out Negligence", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
35. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Birth Control Pills: More Than a Headache", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
36. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Psychic Trauma To Onlookers Can Result in Liability", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
37. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Abandonment", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
38. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Medical Records Do Differ", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
39. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Emergency Room Medical Records", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1976.
40. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Informed Consent: The Legitimate Child of Assault and Battery", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1977.
41. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Do You Advise Patients to Settle Accident Cases? If You Do, You May Lose!", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1977.
42. Joling, Robert J., J.D., "Unsuccessful Therapeutic Abortion Can Lead To Litigation", Physician's Radio Network, New York, New York, 1977.

LECTURES:

1. Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1967
2. University of Wisconsin 1968
3. Kenosha County Bar Association (Wisconsin) 1968, 1969, 1970
4. Racine County Bar Association, 1969, 1970 (Wisconsin)
5. Walworth County Bar Association (Wisconsin) 1970
6. Ohio Northern Law School, Lima, Ohio 1970
7. American Trial Lawyer's Association, Chicago, Ill. 1968
8. University of Chicago, Illinois 1968
9. University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill. 1968
10. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1968
11. American Trial Lawyer's Association, Milwaukee, Wis. 1969
12. Life Underwriters Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1970
13. KTI - Audio-Visual and TV Lecture Series on Civil Procedure 1970

Lectures Continued:

14. Arizona Life Underwriters Association, Phoenix, Arizona 1971
15. Belli Seminars - Portland, Oregon, 1971
16. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Phoenix, Arizona, 1971
17. Arizona Medical Association, Phoenix, Arizona 1972
18. 4th International Institute of Traffic Medicine, Paris, France 1972
19. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands 1972
20. University of London Hospital, London, England 1972
21. University of Edinburgh, Scotland 1972
22. 6th International Meeting of Forensic Sciences, Edinburgh, Scotland 1972
23. The 2nd Western Conference on Criminal and Civil Problems, Wichita, Kansas 1972
24. Arizona Medical Association Continuing Ed'n Seminar, Tucson, Arizona 1972
25. Pima College Nursing School, 1972
26. Arizona Medical Association, Phoenix, Arizona 1973
27. American Trial Lawyer's Association, Las Vegas, Nevada 1973
28. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada 1973
29. Arizona Medical Association Cont. Ed'n Seminar, Tucson, Arizona 1973
30. Pima College, Tucson, Arizona 1973
31. Southwestern Clinical Pharmacy Convention 1973
32. Update 1973 - Seminar on the Nurse & the Law, Tucson, Arizona 1973
33. Western Regional Group on Student Affairs, Asilomar, California 1973
34. Arizona Medical Ass'n, Conference on Med'l Malpractice and Arbitration 1973
35. Arizona Association of Laboratory Technicians 1973
36. Arizona Hospital Engineers Association 1973
37. Medicolegal Photographers Association 1973
38. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, Texas, 1974
39. American College of Surgeons - Trauma Committee 1974
40. Arizona State Department of Health 1974
41. Psychiatry and the Law Seminars, Phoenix, Arizona 1974
42. American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law, Phoenix, Arizona 1974
43. Institute on Human Values in Medicine, Galveston, Texas 1974 (U of Texas)
44. Society of Nuclear Medicine, San Diego, California 1974
45. International Symposium on Sudden Infant Death, Toronto, Canada 1974
46. 3rd Western Conference on Criminal & Civil Problems, Wichita, Kansas 1974
47. San Diego Psychiatric Ass'n, San Diego, CA 1974

Lectures Continued:

48. Lakeside Area Committee for Cont. Ed. Lakeside, Az. 1974
49. University of Florida, Gainesville, Dep't Comm. Health 1974
50. 6th Int'l Symp. on Alcohol, Drugs & Traffic Safety. Toronto, Canada 1974
51. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 1974
52. Allegheny County Police Training Academy, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1974
53. 4th Annual LPN Seminar, Cardiac Patient, Am. Heart Ass'n, Tucson, Az. 1974
54. MSL Series, Trauma Seminar, Tucson, Az. 1974
55. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 1975
56. Harvard University Cambridge, Mass. 1975
57. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 1975
58. Stanford University, San Francisco, Ca. 1975
59. California State University, San Francisco, Ca. 1975
60. University of California - Berkely 1975
61. University of California, Los Angeles 1975
62. University of Florida, Gainesville 1975
63. Arizona Laboratory Techologists, Casa Grande, Az. 1975
64. Pima County Public Health Nurses Association 1975 (Az)
65. Practicing Law Institute, San Francisco, Ca. 1975
66. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Chicago, Illinois 1975
67. 5th Western Conference on Civil & Criminal Justice, Wichita, Ka. 1975
68. National Association of Medicolegal Photographers, Phoenix, Az. 1975
69. T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., 1975
70. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Washington, D.C. 1976
71. Allegheny County Police Training Academy, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1976 (Mar., May & Sept.)
72. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 1976
73. Hamilton College - New York, Ithaca, New York 1976
74. International Association of Med'l Techn. & Lab Tech & ASMT, Chicago, 1976
75. George Washington University, Department of Forensic Sciences, D.C., 1976
76. Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio 1977

UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS & CONSULTATIONS:

In excess of 100 unpublished written opinions having medicolegal import have been given in reply to individual requests from Hospital Administrators, Nurses, Lawyers, and other allied health personnel.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES:

1. The International Association Of Forensic Sciences
 - A. Vice President 1975-78
 - 1) Responsibilities include budgetary considerations
 - 2) Oversee policies and programs
2. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences
 - A. Secretary and Chairman of Jurisprudence Section
 - 1) Responsibilities included program and
 - 2) Financial considerations
 - B. Editor of What's New in Forensic Sciences,
 - 1) Responsibilities included editing and
 - 2) Arranging for layout and publication costs
 - C. Executive Committee Member
 - 1) Responsibilities included policy determinations and
 - 2) Fiscal accountability and
 - 3) General Management of Organization
 - D. Vice President, President Elect, President
 - 1) Responsibilities included management of policies
 - 2) Carrying out fiscal policies and
 - 3) General Management of All Organizational Problems
3. The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc.
 - A. Founder
 - 1) Responsibilities included organizational and incorporation
 - 2) Policy determinations
 - 3) Tax Exempt Status (501-c)
 - 4) Establishment of ByLaws and charter
 - B. Secretary-Treasurer
 - 1) Responsibilities included corporate correspondence
 - 2) Carrying out initial fiscal determinations
 - 3) Keeping records and accounting
 - C. Chairman of the Board of Trustees
 - 1) Responsibilities included chairing meetings
 - 2) Carrying out assigned corporate duties & policies
 - D. Trustee
 - 1) Determining functional matters
 - 2) Policies
 - 3) Advisor relative to government projects
 - 4) Administrative policies on Federal Grants

Administrative Activities Continued:

4. The University of Arizona College of Medicine
 - A. Legal Consultant
 - 1) Responsibilities included advising the Dean
 - 2) Advisor to Acting Dean
 - 3) Consultant to Medical Staff & House Staff
 - 4) Advisor to Administrators
 - 5) Writing Policies, Consents, ByLaws

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Symphony Orchestra
 - A. Board of Directors
 - B. Legal Counsel
2. Optimist International
 - A. President (Local Chapter - Kenosha, Wisconsin)
 - B. Regional Representative
3. Little League Baseball
 - A. Advisory Board
4. County Conservation Club
 - A. Advisory Board
 - B. Legal Counsel
5. United Presbyterian Church of America
 - A. Deacon

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

1. Color Photography
2. Fishing
3. Flying
4. Golf
5. Singing & Music

LICENSES: (Examinations Required)

1. Attorney at Law
2. Automobile
3. Radio-Telephone Operator
4. Motorcycle
5. Single Engine Land Airplane

WRITTEN OPINIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTATIONS

1. Hospital Incident Reports
2. Hospital Constitution & Bylaws
3. Hospital Staff ByLaws
4. Hospital Policies & Procedures
5. Hospital Consent Forms
6. Courtroom Use of Library Materials
7. Powers of Attorney
8. Disposal of State Personal Property
9. Legal Aspects of Purchasing
10. Disposition of Bullet Slug from Patient
11. Consent for Research Study of Enzymes
12. Abortion Decisions and Regulations
13. Consent to Treat Minor in Custody of Day Care Center
14. Continuing Treatment Under Consent of Parents to Treat Minor
15. HEW Obligated Funds Appropriated in P.L. 92-334
16. Conditions of Admission to Hospital
17. Educational Service Agreement; Health Profession Scholarship Program
18. Sponge Counts; Utilization of Surgical Technician
19. Donor Consent for Minor Mexican National
20. Admission Referrals
21. Medical Malpractice Insurance
22. Articles of Incorporation for Marana Community Clinic
23. Barry Plan: Effect on Medical School Graduates after July, 1973
24. Continuing Consent for Hemodialysis
25. The Role of the Physician's Assistant under Arizona Law
26. The Role of Technicians Within the Hospital
27. Estates: Donations or Beneficiary
28. Malpractice Coverage for Non-auxiliary Volunteers
29. Validity of Accounts Due
30. Complaints and Grievances Involving Medical Doctor
31. Uniform Anatomical Gift Acts
32. Certificates of Resolution for National Foundation Grants
33. Volunteer Services: Hospital Auxiliary
34. Contracts with Health Planning Authority
35. Legal Status of Fellows: Academic Rank
36. Pharmacy Regulations
37. Medical Records
38. Community and University Agreements
39. Treatment of University Students: Medical
40. Wages and Salary: What Constitutes Either?
41. Legal Function & Status of Interns & Residents as Hospital Employees
42. Emergency Requests for Unmatched or Uncrossmatched Blood

Written Opinions - Administrative Consultations Continued:

43. Proposed Emergency Rescue Procedures in Heart Attack Cases
44. Medical Service Plan
45. Autopsy: Infant of Minor Unwed Mother
46. Labor and Minimum Wage Law for Technicians
47. The Unconscious Patient & Blood Sampling: Need for Consent
48. Health Maintenance Organizations
49. Hospital Committees
50. Emergency Room Procedures
51. University Parking Regulations
52. Domestic Relations Problems of Students
53. Student Disciplinary Action: Due Process
54. Student Admission Policies: Medical School
55. The Role of the Physical Therapist
56. Student Problems: Landlord & Tenant
57. Student Problems: Personal Injury
58. Traffic Citations: Students and Faculty
59. Hospital Interrelationships with Student Health Facilities
60. Institutional Review Committee
61. Implementation of Medical Jurisprudence into Curriculum
62. Annual Re-inspection for Licensure
63. Master Hospital Agreements
64. Handling of Subpoenas
65. Assisting Injured Mexican Nationals: Personal Injury Recovery
66. Unnecessary Delay in Signing Birth Certificates & Death Certificates
67. Laws Affecting Medical Treatment of Minors without Parental Consent
68. The Age of Majority: Emancipation of Minors
69. Payment of Accounts by Parents of Minor's Legal Liability
70. Claims Against Estate for Services Rendered Deceased
71. Use of Hexachlorophene in Infant Bathing
72. Liability for Infection from Unclean or Non-sterile Instruments
73. Hospital Bacteria Producing Agents
74. Defective Instruments: Latent Defects & Strict Liability
75. Dispensing Methotrexate
76. Interns & Residents Working at other Hospitals
77. Suprapubic Bladder Aspiration in Babies
78. Primary and Secondary Insurance Coverage
79. Alcohol Influence Report Forms
80. Employment of Aliens in Public Institutions
81. The Use of Medical Technicians in the Emergency Room
82. Consent for Special Experimental Procedures
83. Standards for Purchase Orders, Terms & Conditions

Written Opinions - Administrative Consultations Continued:

84. Blood Alcohol Reports & Implied Consent within the Emergency Room
85. Diagnosis, Treatment and Care of Minors
86. Waivers & Release by Employee: Negative Rubella Titer of Personnel Employed Within the Emergency Room
87. Right to Refuse Treatment
88. Student Access to Academic Records and Personal File
89. Sterilization Procedures in Minors having I.Q. under 65
90. Physician's Assistants: Training Programs
91. Procedures for Patients Who Refuse to Leave Premises
92. Third Party Access to Student Records
93. Parent-Student Right to Privacy Act (Federal)

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Department of Justice
Washington 20530

April 12, 1977

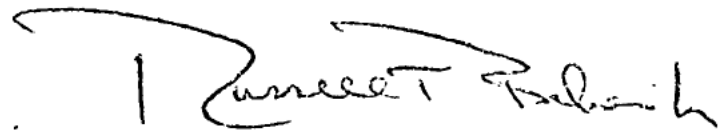
Mr. Michael Ewing
Post Office Box 218
St. Michaels, Maryland 21663

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I have your letter of March 31, 1977, and the materials that you enclosed along with it. The materials that you have provided are fascinating and I have sent them on to appropriate officials in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section.

Your interest in our work is heartening and I am glad that you wrote to us to send us the materials. We look forward to the publication of your new book.

Very truly yours,


Russell T. Baker, Jr.

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SPECIAL EVENTSMr. Griffin Bell,
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Dear Attorney-General Bell:

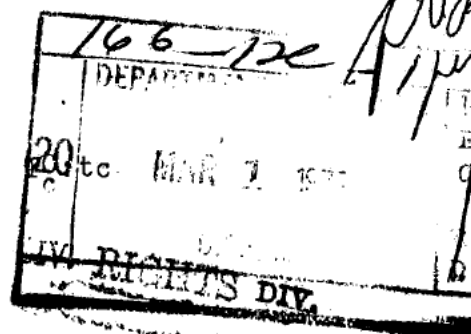
In connection with my campaign for full disclosure and new evidence in the Robert Kennedy case, I will be in Washington, D.C. next week.

I would like members of your department and particularly yourself, key aides, to review our full-scale film/probe (35 mm/112 minutes) into the RFK tragedy. You will find it most informative, especially in the setting of guidelines for the improvement of the criminal justice system; the aspect of new safeguards for our national leaders and protection of lives.

I wish to discuss with you personally why this extensive probe goes beyond the tragic death of a presidential candidate and former U.S. Attorney-General and the punishment of the alleged assassin.

In the spirit of President Carter's open-door policy, for positive change, I am anxious to talk with you and screen our film. Arrangements with the media and congress are being handled by Mr. Leonard Carney--212--688-4520 (March 3, 1977).

Please get in touch with us and I look forward to meeting with you!



Success.

Teddy Charach,
News Director.

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Ms. Melodie Beth Parker
Route 1, Box 98
Elon College, North Carolina 27244

Dear Ms. Parker:

President Ford has referred to this Department your correspondence of April 29, 1976, concerning your request. I apologize for the delay of this response.

*MRM
11/22/76*

The Department of Justice does not have available for distribution the material that you seek. You may wish to direct your inquiry to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Sincerely,

J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Justice

re RFK assassination

April 29, 1974

Dear President Ford,

I am Melodie Beth Parker, a resident at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. I am writing you concerning the trial of Sirhan Sirhan. I have just seen a movie called "The Second Sun". It concerns the assassination of Robert Kennedy. The movie leaves a very strong impression that Sirhan was innocent and it also shows how crooked our government really is.

Many of the students left the auditorium (where we saw the film) extremely upset and mad. We were very let down to know that we can't depend on anyone to tell the truth. I wouldn't be surprised if you received several letters like this one.

I am very interested in the Kennedy case and I would like for you to see if you could get me a copy of every newspaper clipping concerning this case. There is also a certain Don ~~Stiles~~ Schrader who is a news broadcaster (I think). He was in the film and he has some very interesting information which I would like to discuss with him.

I know I sound like a "day dreaming" kid. I'm not! I'm extremely interested in the Kennedy case. I'm so interested that I would make it my life's career if it was possible. Please try to help me and if you can't then tell me so that I may find another way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melodie Beth Parker

Rt #1, Box 98

Edon College, W.C. 27244

P.S. Please send any information to the address listed (home address).

Melanie Beth Parker
Rt # 1, Box 98
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Criminal Division
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Washington, D.C. 20530

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March 31, 1977

Dear Mr. Baker:

Mr. Civiletti's office suggested that I get in touch with you during a phone call to his office yesterday. APR 7 1977

I just wanted to forward the enclosed material to the appropriate people in the Justice Department for whatever it is worth. CD GU

By way of introduction, I served on the staff of former Senator Harold Hughes for several years, and did a good deal of the earlier investigative work on Watergate, and subsequently, the various CIA/FBI abuses probes. During 1973 and 1974, one of the areas I worked on was the now still emerging secret relationship between elements of the Mafia and the CIA.

From that area I subsequently got involved in reviewing various aspects of the Kennedy assassination case, playing some role in the limited 1975-76 Senate probes into the Warren Commission investigation.

In any event, during the past year I have co-authored a forthcoming book on the Kennedy assassination with Bernard Fensterwald Jr., a former Senate counsel and Washington attorney. Our book, Coincidence - Or Conspiracy?, will be out sometime in May, and (we hope) will be regarded as a cautious, solid, and objective review of the various aspects of the late President's murder. One of the most exhaustive areas covered in the book will relate to the various possible organized crime areas in the case.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to send you a copy of the uncorrected proofs of our lengthy chapter on the Mafia, which I think is perhaps the most complete such accounting yet written. With the House Assassination Committee apparently devoting considerable plans to probing the alleged Mafia connection to possible aspects of the Kennedy case, I just wanted to send in this material for what its worth.

You'll note that our profile of Santos Trafficante Jr. - the House Committee's uncooperative first witness - is the longest section in the chapter, containing considerable recent information, beginning on page 346.

Needless to say, I've long felt that the possible role of organized crime in the Kennedy case has been largely overlooked or haphazardly documented. Hopefully, this material will be helpful in some way.

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Regardless of whether or not the Kennedy case actually goes anywhere in the months ahead, it is pleasing to know that we finally once again have an Administration that is serious about fighting organized crime - unlike the past eight years.

Let me know if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Michael Ewing

P.O. Box 218

St. Michaels, Md. 21663

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From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 11/14/75

To:

RE:

- ☐ The Attorney General
☐ The Solicitor General
☐ The Deputy Attorney General
☐ Analysis & Evaluation Unit
☒ Assistant Attorney General

- ☐ Antitrust Division ☒ Criminal Division (DOJ)
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- ☐ Director, U. S. Marshals Service
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☐ Assistant Attorney General for Administration
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☐ Drug Enforcement Administration
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☐ Director, Management Programs and Budget Staff
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☐ Director, Personnel and Training Staff
☐ Director, Department Security Staff
☐ General Litigation Section, Civil Division
☐ Community Relations Service

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
☐ B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
☐ C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
☒ D. For your information.
☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.
☐ F. Pursuant to your inquiry, attached information is being furnished.
☐ G. Investigation is continuing.
☐ H.

- cc: ☐ Attorney General
☐ Deputy Attorney General
☐ Analysis & Evaluation Unit
☐ Antitrust Division
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 14, 1975

Mr. Guy D. Roberts
109 John Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Your letter of October 30, 1975, to the Attorney General containing an article from the October 28, 1975, issue of the "National Enquirer" has been referred to the FBI for reply.

Please be assured that a thorough and exhaustive investigation by the FBI and the local California authorities was conducted into the assassination of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The investigation conducted has been reviewed extensively by responsible state and federal authorities who concluded that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan acted alone in the assassination. No valid evidence of a conspiracy including others has been developed although numerous speculative theories have been propounded without any basis in fact.

I appreciate your concern in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

① Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division (Enclosures - 2)

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October 30, 1975
Seattle, Washington

The Attorney General
The United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Inclosed for your information is an article clipped from the October 28th edition of the National Enquirer. The item concerns the assassination of the late Senator Kennedy.

My questions are:

Has this particular avenue of investigation been thoroughly explored?

If so, what were the results and conclusions?

If not, then why not?

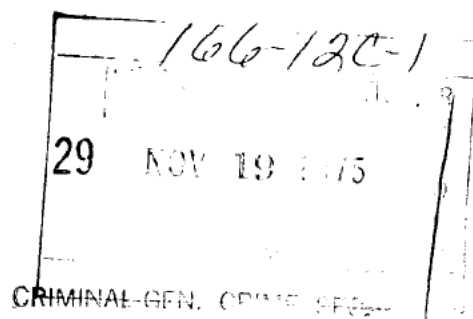
The implications are obvious, to wit: If Mr. Sirhan was indeed programmed through hypnosis, then there was a conspiracy of one sort or another.

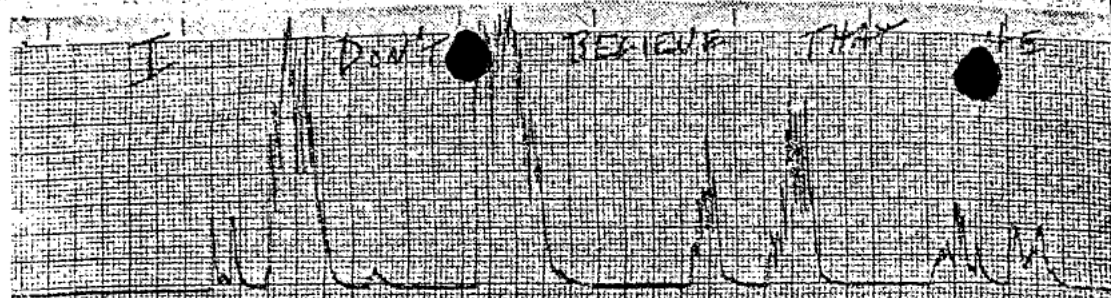
I honestly believe that we owe ourselves as a nation a very carefull and thorough investigation of this particular facet of the assassination; just to be absolutely certain that we have overlooked no possibilities.

Yours truly,

Guy D. Roberts

GUY D. ROBERTS
109 John Street
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SIRHAN'S VOICE on the readout of the truth detector shows that he was telling the truth. This can only be explained by the fact that Sirhan was under some hypnotic influence.

Exclusive — Scientific Evidence Proves:

Sirhan Was Hypnotized to Kill Bobby Kennedy

Sirhan Sirhan was programmed through hypnosis to assassinate Sen. Robert Kennedy.

That's the startling verdict of Charles McQuiston, a former top U.S. intelligence officer, who used an amazing electronic "truth detector" to analyze tape recordings of Sirhan's interviews with psychiatrists in San Quentin prison.

"After analyzing the tapes, I'm convinced that Sirhan wasn't aware of what he was doing," said McQuiston. "He was in a hypnotic trance when he pulled the trigger and killed Sen. Kennedy" in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, June 4, 1968.

McQuiston spent 20 hours evaluating Sirhan's tapes — exclusively for The ENQUIRER — using the Psychological Stress Evaluator.

"Everything in the PSE charts tells me that someone else was involved in the as-



SIRHAN SIRHAN

"I'm convinced he wasn't aware of what he was doing," says voice expert.

— and that Sirhan was programmed through hypnosis to kill RFK," declared McQuiston. "What we have here is a real life 'Manchurian Candidate.'" (In the book and movie of the same name, conspirators use hypnosis to program a man to assassinate a presidential candidate.)

After examining Sirhan's PSE chart, Dr. John W. Heisse Jr., president of the International Society of Stress Analysis, agreed with McQuiston. Dr. Heisse, who has studied hundreds of people under hypnosis using the PSE, told The ENQUIRER:

"Sirhan kept repeating certain phrases. This clearly revealed he had been programmed to put himself into a trance. This is something he couldn't have learned by himself. Someone had to show him and teach him how.

"I believe Sirhan was brainwashed under hypnosis by the constant repetition of words like, 'you are nobody, you're nothing, the American dream is gone,' until he actually believed them. At that stage, someone implanted an idea, kill RFK, and under hypnosis the brainwashed Sirhan accepted it."

Here are some of Sirhan's key tape-recorded statements and McQuiston's PSE analysis showing why he is convinced Sirhan was hypnotized:

SIRHAN: "To me, sir, he (Kennedy) is still alive . . . I still don't believe what has happened . . . I don't believe that he is dead. I have no realization still that I killed him, that he is in the grave."

McQUISTON ANALYSIS: "Sirhan's stress level is rela-

tively low, showing that he's telling the truth. He actually believes RFK is alive and this can only be explained by the fact that Sirhan was under some kind of hypnotic influence.

"Perhaps there is a post-hypnotic suggestion not to accept the death of RFK."

SIRHAN: "There was no American dream for me. I tried, I sincerely tried to find a job. I had nothing, no identity, no hope."

McQUISTON ANALYSIS: "His phrases are very indicative of hypnosis. From my days in Army Intelligence, I know the words are those a skilled hypnotist would use to beat a man down, to change his thinking, to reshape his mind."

SIRHAN: "I thought he (Sen. Kennedy) was heir apparent to President Kennedy and I wish to hell he could have made it. I loved him."

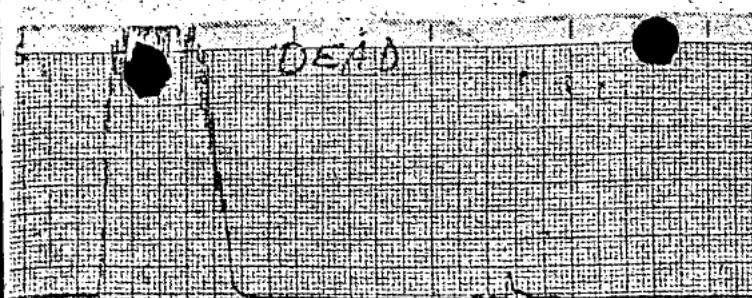
McQUISTON ANALYSIS: "There is genuine sincerity in his statements.

"When Sirhan says he wished RFK 'could have made it,' this shows me that Sirhan didn't know what he was doing — that hypnosis was governing his actions."

SIRHAN: "There was a girl there (with him at the murder scene)."

McQUISTON ANALYSIS: "He's not lying. There was a girl and, judging from the stress in his voice, he's trying to block her out of his mind. This indicates she may have played a role in the assassination."

SIRHAN: "I don't have the guts to do anything like that



truth when he said: "I don't believe that he (RFK) is dead," says expert.



TRUTH-DETECTOR EXPERT Charles McQuiston with equipment he used to analyze Sirhan Sirhan's voice. "Everything tells me that someone else was involved in the assassination," he says.

(kill a presidential candidate)."

McQUISTON ANALYSIS: "He's telling the truth. There must have been some outside guiding force — hypnosis — that was responsible for him pulling the trigger."

"Looking at the overall picture, the one thing that jumps out at me is that Sirhan was the classic patsy — a guy set up to kill without ever knowing what he had done."

Dr. Herbert Spiegel, one of the country's leading medical experts on hypnosis, told The

ENQUIRER: "It's very possible to distort and change somebody's mind through a number of hypnotic sessions. It can be described as brainwashing because the mind is cleared of its old emotions and values which are replaced by implanting other suggestions."

Dr. Spiegel, a consultant for researchers studying the RFK murder, added, "This technique was probably used with Sirhan. From my own research, I think Sirhan was subjected to hypnotic treatment."

— WILLIAM DICK

Truth Detector Judged Accurate

More than 150 U.S. law enforcement agencies use the Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) — and it's so incredibly accurate that courts in at least five states have admitted its results as evidence, said Charles McQuiston, co-inventor of the truth detector.

The PSE pinpoints truthful

statements by charting stress patterns in the voice. It translates these patterns into graphs on paper.

McQuiston pores over tape recordings of a person's voice, and breaks each word down into syllables. He then examines each syllable for telltale signs of stress.

Dear Sir:

Please check into the activities of Mrs. J. P. Kennedy of Hyannis Port, Mass.; also Eunice Shriver. They had something to do with the murders of the Kennedy boys, John and Robert, and also her husband Joe. They were also implicated in Ted's accident with Mary Jo Lapeckne. They wanted him drowned but with another woman. Mary Jo was poisoned by the Hyannis Port people, they were not Ted. That came up; only Ted, R.A.U. or half dead can't even meet help themselves in that situation.

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know about, because they prob-
ably took after their father, who
was an upright man, after
all he was Prime Minister to
Great Britain. Senator Ted
Kennedy is in great danger
coming from that source
including Sargent Shriver,
married to Eunice Kennedy.
Please give this immediate
attention. It is a very
serious thing.

Yours Truly

Mrs. Mary Boris

423 Grising Garden St. Pittsfield, Mass.

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Mrs. Doris Currie Leonard
1146 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Dear Mrs. Leonard:

This is in reply to your correspondence of May 21, 1975, in which you charge that certain persons are obstructing your investigation of the deaths of former President Kennedy and former Senator Kennedy.

This Department has no authority to take the action you request regarding your husband and Senator McGovern.

Sincerely,

J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: *Maceo W. Hubbard*
Maceo W. Hubbard
Supervisory Trial Attorney
Criminal Section

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REMARKS <i>LAPD received a copy of this for such action as they wished to take. FBI doing nothing.</i> <i>As background - informant is sister-in-law of Raheb and a family squabble is in progress. She probably got the idea for story from fact that Raheb advised FBI in mid 60s that the Dr. was pro-Eastern anti JFK and had talked w/ others about assassinating JFK, RFK and some 20 Congressmen. Little reason to expect more of this.</i> Do NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, disapprovals, clearances, and similar actions			
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Date 10/8/75

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 22, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALFRED RAHEB

A source who has requested that her identity be concealed and whose reliability is not known to the Bureau, has furnished information concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The source telephonically advised on September 16, 1975 that for the past several years, she has suspected that an individual by the name of Alfred Raheb was possibly involved with others in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Raheb, according to the source, was always speaking with hate of the Kennedy family, and in particular, of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Further, source stated that Raheb has thrown darts at photographs of the late Senator.

Two days after Kennedy was killed, Raheb arranged to have a withdrawal made of \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 from a bank in Encino, California, and went to the residence of an unidentified woman who resided about six blocks east of Western Avenue on Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. The name of the bank in Encino was not recalled by the source.

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ALFRED RAHEB

There were about ten individuals at the residence visited by Raheb and all of these individuals were unknown to the source. After leaving this apartment, Raheb proceeded to the Fez, a night club on Vermont Avenue, Hollywood, California, where Sirhan Sirhan's brother worked. Raheb, according to the source, spoke to Sirhan's brother asking, "How's your mother, how's your brother". Raheb, the source stated, handed the envelope containing the \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to Sirhan's brother and asked the brother, "Will this be enough to take care of your mother?" The brother indicated that it would be enough. The degree of friendship between Raheb and the Sirhan family was not known to the informant.

At the time of the assassination, Raheb, according to the source, had a photo finishing company under contract with the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office to develop film made during autopsies. The source stated that following the autopsy of Senator Kennedy, the film was sent by the Coroner's Office to Raheb's company for processing. The Coroner's Office ordered transparencies to be made and Raheb sent the film out since his firm could not make transparencies. When the film was returned, Raheb made one five inch by eight inch copy of each of the transparencies for his own use and still has the photographs.

Raheb was very close to a Dr. (First Name Unknown FNU) Drennan, a general practitioner, who has his office on Beverly Boulevard in Los Angeles. Source described Dr. Drennan as a white male in his 60's and a "radical" associated with various radical movements. Dr. Drennan, according to the source, frequently came to Raheb's photo shop.

Raheb went to either Santa Barbara or Sacramento, California, the day before the killing of Senator Robert F. Kennedy but returned the morning after the killing. Source described him on learning of the Senator's death as "the happiest man in the world."

Raheb never discussed with the source being involved in the killing. Source advised that based on the above, source has suspected that Raheb might have been involved and for the past several years has debated furnishing this information.

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TO : FILE

DATE: August 5, 1975

FROM : Richard L. Thornburgh, Assistant
RLT Attorney General, Criminal Division

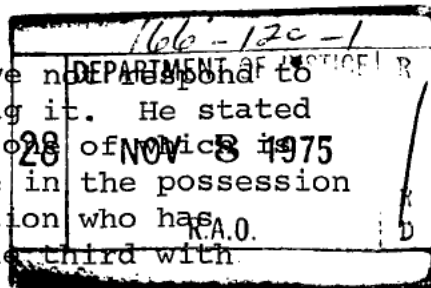
SUBJECT: Robert Kennedy Assassination

On Friday afternoon, August 1, 1975, I returned a previously made telephone call to me by Chief Edward Davis of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Chief Davis advised me that in 1968, a summary of the case reports on the Robert Kennedy assassination had been forwarded by the Los Angeles Police Department to the Department of Justice and was presently in the possession of William Lynch.

At the present time, there are a number of legal proceedings and demands for information on the part of CBS, Paul Schrade and former representative Allard Lowenstein to obtain copies of this information in furtherance of alleged "conspiracy" theories. Thus far, all requests have been denied by the courts of California and by appropriate police authorities.

Chief Davis called me to insure that we not respond to any request for the information by releasing it. He stated that there are three copies of the volume, one of which is with the Los Angeles Police Department, one in the possession of a retired deputy chief of that organization who has written a book on the assassination, and the third with the Department of Justice.



On checking with Mr. Lynch, I learned that he had been part of a special Department of Justice team dispatched to monitor the investigation of the Kennedy assassination, at the conclusion of which effort the volumes in question were presented to him. They are presently in the files of the Department of Justice. There are also, according to Mr. Lynch,



Memo to file
Re: Robert Kennedy Assassination
August 5, 1975

pending applications under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the Department's copy.

At some time past, consideration has been given to the proper disposition of this material, including the possibility that it might be deposited in the National Archives or even sent back to the Los Angeles Police Department.

I told Chief Davis we would take no action inimicable to his request without first checking with him, but acknowledged that there may be some problems under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts.

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Chief Edward Davis, Los Angeles

OF (Organization)

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Re: Robert Kennedy assassination

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= CONGRESS HAS COPY FROM CAL. SUP. CT. ETC.
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SEP 29 1975

Miss Jennifer Johnson
723 South Ninth Avenue
La Grange, Illinois 60525

Dear Jennifer:

President Ford has referred your correspondence of June 20, 1975, concerning the possible release of Mr. Sirhan Sirhan from prison in the near future, to this Department. I apologize for the delay of this response.

The matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that Mr. Sirhan will be released from prison in the near future.

We can only suggest that you direct your inquiry to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Sincerely,

J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

Maceo W. Hubbard
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Criminal Section

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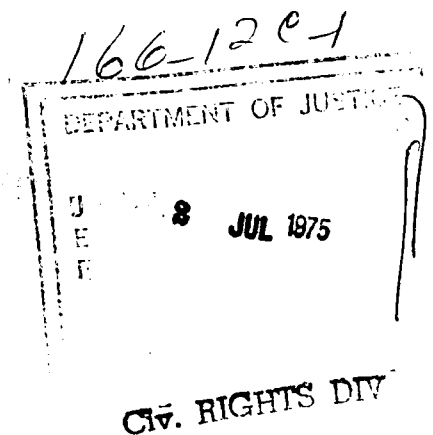
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732 S. Ninth Ave.
La Grange, Ill. 60525
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Dear Mr. President,

I am a sophomore at
Lyons Township High School.

I am very concerned with
something I read in the Chicago
Tribune. An article stated that
there is a chance that Sirhan Sirhan
may be released in a few months.
This man killed a Presidential
Candidate in cold-blood. Even
tho I was only 8 years old at the
time, I could understand that
people respected him for the feelings
he had for the system of government
we have. And now it's that same
system that may release his
killer. Although many people
thought Kennedy to be headstrong,
and selfish etc., but he still was
a person.

Our system is not perfect
but I never thought it would come
to this.



President Gerald R. Ford
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

from
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 7/13/76

To:

RE:

- ☐ The Attorney General
☐ The Solicitor General
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 ☐ Analysis & Evaluation Unit
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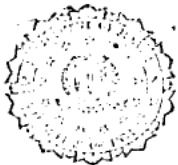
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 8, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DANIEL T. ESTRADA

On July 6, 1976, Daniel T. Estrada, 1352 Volney Drive, Los Angeles, California, Telephone Number 261-7612, called this office from the East Los Angeles Municipal Court where he was appearing on a narcotics and burglary charge.

Estrada advised that he had information on the Robert Kennedy murder and that the source of his information was Sirhan Sirhan who was in an adjacent cell to him when he was in San Quentin.

Estrada stated that he would provide information in exchange for whatever the Federal Bureau of Investigation could do to help him with the local authorities. Estrada was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not and could not make any deal with him.

Further Estrada stated that Sirhan had already had a Ronald Wood murdered in the Nevada State Penitentiary because he was talking to Federal agents about the same information.

In connection with another investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was learned that Sirhan Sirhan had determined that Ronald Wood, who was incarcerated at San Quentin Penitentiary at the same time as

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Re: DANIEL T. ESTRADA

Sirhan was going to write an article about Sirhan that would be a complete fabrication and Sirhan was fearful that it would effect his parole status. Sirhan had another inmate at San Quentin Penitentiary write up an affidavit to the effect that Sirhan had never confided in or furnished information to Wood and that Wood intended to fictionalize the information for an alleged magazine article.

Information was received from the Las Vegas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Ronald Wood was received at the Nevada State Penitentiary on March 30, 1973, from San Quentin Penitentiary as a protective custody prisoner and was found dead in his cell on September 21, 1974. Wood had been bludgeoned to death and his murder has not been solved to date. Two theories were advanced in connection with this murder, one that he was an informant and another that he was a known drug salesman in prison and that he had sold drugs that were substandard and had refused a refund on these drugs.

No further inquiry or investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the information furnished by Daniel T. Estrada.

7/20/76
As Estrada did not volunteer his information there is nothing as yet to investigate. If Estrada ever changes his mind, we'll hear about it and determine then if further investigation is warranted. SA Burton informally concurred.

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Dr. William D. Butler
667 Grant Road
East Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Dear MR. Butler:

President Ford has referred your correspondence of June 15, 1975, concerning the possible parole of Mr. Sirhan Sirhan, to this Department. We apologize for the delay of this response.

The matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that Mr. Sirhan will be paroled in the near future.

We can only suggest that you direct your inquiry to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Sincerely,

J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Dear President Ford

7th Portland

Several weeks ago we read in the newspaper about the convicted slayer of Mr Kennedy. Sirhan Sirhan being on the list of those considered for Parole.

As a U.S. citizen, small businessman, responsible father, optometrist of professional standing and one who believes in law I cannot remain mute with this situation.

In this country we have decided not to terminate the life of one who committed such a crime against the Kennedy family and the American people.

Action needed

He was convicted by the law that saved him and I would ask you to see that he serves out his complete sentence. He was forgiven his sin when his life was spared.

Thank you
Wm. Butler



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JUL 1 1975

Mr. Peter Garand
65-24 174th Street
Flushing, New York 11365

Dear Mr. Garand:

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Your letter to the Attorney General concerning your views about the laws which allow the release of Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, after serving only a few years in prison has been referred to me.

The investigation and the resulting trial involved violations of state law, and a state court trial. You may wish to express your views concerning the release of Sirhan to the California state authorities.

With reference to your statement about changing our laws for the benefit of the people and not for the criminal, I am enclosing a copy of the speech by President Ford to the Congress of the United States on crime.

I hope that this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

GEORGIA McNEMAR
Attorney, Legislation and Special
Projects Section
Criminal Division

PETER GARAND
65-24 174TH STREET
FLUSHING, N. Y. 11365

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Attorney General
Justice Department
Washington D C

Dear Sir:

How can our laws be so stupid as to be able to release a murderer like Sirhan Sirhan after only a few years in prison for his assassination of Robert Kennedy. He should at the very least be given a life imprisonment sentence if not executed for his crime.

Our laws are unthinkably stupid and should be changed for the benefit of the people and not for the benefit of criminals.

Respectfully

P Garand
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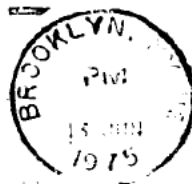
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Freedom of Information Act Request of Representative
Don Edwards

This is in response to the attached memorandum of David J. Kline of your Division to Kathy Keppert of the Correspondence Unit of this Division, dated June 17, 1975. By his memo, Mr. Kline referred to this Division a Freedom of Information Act request of Representative Don Edwards which inquired about a report of the Los Angeles Police Department on the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy; the memo was accompanied by three boxes of files pertaining to the Kennedy assassination.

We have examined the files, which include two boxes of enclosures (containing only FBI reports) and one box containing sections 6 through 9 of the Department's files, DJ 166-12c-1. Although the report requested is not contained in these files, one document in section 8, a memorandum from FBI Director to the Deputy Attorney General, dated October 5, 1970 (written in response to an earlier FOIA request for the report) states that a copy of the report was received by the Department on July 23, 1969. Since section 6 of the files begins on March 6, 1969, we suggest that the report will not be found in sections 1 through 5 which have not yet been examined. We agree with Mr. Kline's suggestions, based on his review of the files prior to his referring the request to us, that the report, if within the Department, may be within FBI files.

It is unclear to us why Mr. Kline referred this Freedom of Information Act request to us after reviewing the files and apparently determining that the report was not in them, and after requesting an extension of time from

cc: Sue Houser

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Representative Edwards. The result of his referral appears to have been merely a duplication of effort. We are returning the files and FBI Reports to the Department's Records Unit and were advised by Ms. Houser that further correspondence with Representative Edwards' office on this request will be carried out by your Division or the FBI.

In addition, I would request that persons handling FOI requests in your Division send referrals of requests to this Division directly to me, the FOI Control Officer for this Division.

Attachment

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REMARKS

Since this is a congressional, could you see that I get a copy of Don Edwards' letter and a copy of our response. Thanks!

Dave Kline - 4512

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FROM (Name, office symbol or location) <i>Sally Leppert</i>	DATE <i>6-18-75</i>
	PHONE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mary K. Keppert
Civil Rights Division

DATE: June 17, 1975

DJK:jaj

DJ: 166-12C-1

FROM : David J. Kline, Attorney
General Crimes Section
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request by Congressman Don Edwards
for LAPD Summary of Investigation into Assassination of
Robert F. Kennedy

Here is the FOIA request and information I have received to date.

It seems to me that the proper way to handle the request is to determine whose Division has had the greater contact with the case. As you mentioned, your Division has had more correspondence than ours, and is probably the correct Division to respond.

The factor that led me to decide that you can better handle the matter was that the assignment for the enclosures was directed to Civil Rights Division. The enclosures concern FBI reports and other trial information. Of the papers I have seen, these are most like the material sought by the request.

I first attempted to treat this as a Congressional inquiry but Sue Hauser in the Deputy's office vetoed the idea after consultation with OLC. Ms. Hauser requested that we send a letter extending time, and she purportedly notified both your Division and the FBI.

In Section 8 of the file is an FOIA request, handled before the amendments, for the same documents. I marked this with a paper-clip and a sheet of paper. The indication of the memos is that the FBI has the volumes sought by the request. My cursory examination of the enclosures leads me to conclude that we do not have the volumes; rather, the FBI does.

I checked classification for Civil Rights (X 3010); they tell me that their records indicate your Division handles file number 166-12C-1.

Sue Hauser (X 2146) has been notified of the transfer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section

FROM : E. Ross Buckley
Freedom of Information Control Officer

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request - Don Edwards

DATE: June 11, 1975

Since the attached request appears to involve documents or records maintained by you, or a matter within your cognizance, it is being forwarded to you for reply.

A determination to comply with this request should be made, and a reply sent to the requestor, not later than June 17, 1975.

If a preliminary review reflects that requested records may be located in the files of another division or bureau of the Department, or in the office of a United States Attorney, a copy of the request should be immediately delivered to that unit on an expedited basis. It is suggested that the request be hand delivered by special messenger service within the city or by Airmail Special Delivery.

Please furnish me and Mrs. Hauser with copies of all correspondence related to this request.

Please notify me, at extension 4594, of the name of the attorney who will be handling this request.

Criminal Division Records has been checked and we note one file on Robert F. Kennedy, #166-12C-1.

cc: Buckley
Hauser

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
EXPEDITE**



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TO : Ross Buckley
Criminal Division JUN 9 4 43 P.

FROM : Susan M. Hauser
Staff Assistant to the IMMUNITY & RECORDS
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
PROG. SEC.
CRIMINAL DIVISION
Deputy Attorney General

DATE June 9, 1975

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - Don Edwards

Enclosed herewith is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, for access to the ten volume summary relating to the Department's investigation of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Pursuant to 28 CFR §16.5 which took effect on February 19, 1975, the responsible division shall, within ten working days, either comply with or deny a request for records unless unusual circumstances warrant an extension of time.

In cases where additional time is required, extensions shall be granted by the head of the division in increments of five days or less. The requester should be notified of the reasons for the time extension and the date on which a determination is expected.

If the request is denied, the requester should be informed by the head of the responsible division of 1) the exemption(s) authorizing the withholding of the records, 2) how the exemption applies to the record withheld and, where relevant, a brief explanation of why discretionary release is not appropriate, 3) the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the denial, and 4) his right of administrative appeal within 30 days to the Attorney General and the availability of judicial review thereafter.

Copies of all acknowledgements, extension notices, and responses should be forwarded to my office, Room 4212.



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The Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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Sincerely,

Don Edwards

Member of Congress

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The Honorable Edward H. Levi
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Washington, D. C.

Typed: 6/16/75
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Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

We are processing your May 23, 1975, letter on behalf of Mr. Paul Schrade as a Freedom of Information Act request. You asked whether or not a ten volume summary of the Los Angeles Police Department's investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy could be made available for inspection by Mr. Schrade and his attorney. Because of the need to collect the requested records from the Federal Records Center as well as the apparent fact that your request includes a voluminous amount of records, a determination cannot now be made on whether or not we shall comply with your request. Our target date for a final determination is June 24, 1975, five working days subsequent to the original ten day limit. This extension is made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(D).

Sincerely,

JOHN C. KEENEY
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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REMARKS This request was initially directed to the Criminal Division. David Kline (x4512) in General Crimes Sect. has called for the files (which were under CRTs. file numbers). At this time there is no need for CRTs action, but I wanted to alert you to the request in case at the last minute you must be called in.			
FROM (Name, office symbol or location) <i>Susan Hauser</i>		DATE <i>6-17-75</i>	
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OCT 23 1975

Mrs. Doris Currie Leonard
1146 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Dear Mrs. Leonard:

*MPP
10/22/75*

This is in reply to your correspondence of May 21, 1975, in which you charge that certain persons are obstructing your investigation of the deaths of former President Kennedy and former Senator Kennedy.

*SVW
10-22-75*

This Department has no authority to take the action you request regarding your husband and Senator McGovern.

Sincerely,

J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:
Maceo W. Hubbard
Supervisory Trial Attorney
Criminal Section

cc: Records ✓
Corres.
Hubbard

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DIRECTOR
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I AM WRITING A BOOK CALLED PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF ONE INVOLVING THE DEATH OF DOCTOR KING, SENATOR BOBBY KENNEDY AND JOHN AS PER PROMISE MADE ROBERT IN 1964 WHEN I ASKED HIM TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT. MY HUSBAND SHELDON LEONARD HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA, MATERIAL WITNESS, ALSO SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, KENNEDY'S BEST FRIEND, IS OBSTRUCTING OUR INVESTIGATION. PLEASE CLEAR THIS WITH HIM AND SUBPOENA HIM TO RETURN "THE SUMMER ISSUE" TO BE USED IN LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION THIS JUNE

DORIS CURRIE LEONARD, TV WRITER
1146 NORTH WEST ST
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Mr. James S. Karns, P.E.
815 North Humboldt
Apartment 102
San Mateo, California 94401

Dear Mr. Karns:

This is in reply to your correspondence of April 28, 1975. We apologize for the delay of this response.

2/1/75
The investigation of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or brought out at the trial.

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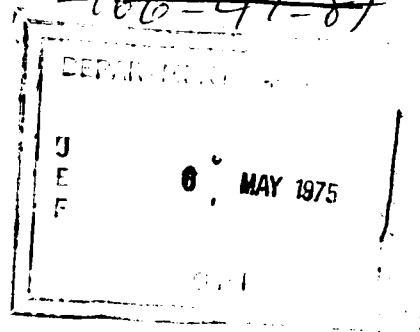
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The Hon. Edward Levi
Attorney General
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Sir:

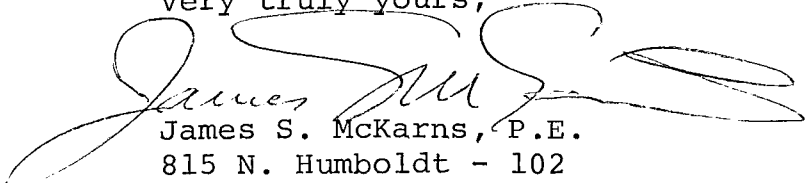
As you will note from the enclosed clipping, William F. Buckley, Jr. interviewed Mr. Allard Lowenstein on the former's Firing Line TV program.

It appeared to me that there are a number of areas of further investigation which should be pursued in the death of Robert F. Kennedy. Many of these considerations would involve test-firing of several guns and the examination of some lighting panels, etc., as there may have been as many as ten bullets fired.

Supposedly these tests and observations would require a minimum of time and effort, yet there is a reluctance on the part of the Los Angeles District Attorney to resolve the questions that have been raised.

Therefore I urge you to encourage the LAPD and the DA to reexamine the evidence and clarify the points that were discussed on the program.

Very truly yours,


James S. McKarns, P.E.
815 N. Humboldt - 102
San Mateo, CA 94401

APRIL 26, 1975

Saturday

EVENING

prove he's not guilty. Locke: Sam Groom. Detective Gordon: Larry D. Mann. Harvey Primo: John Evans. Gloria: Helen Shavers.

7 BILLIE JEAN KING SPECIAL

Billie Jean King highlights the career of Canadian world champion figure-skater Karen Magnussen.

8 HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

Bobby Riggs, Connie Stevens, Florence Henderson, Rob Reiner, John Davidson, Rich Little, Rose Marie, Paul Lynde, Charley Weaver. Host: Peter Marshall.

9 FIRING LINE—Buckley

The possibility of a conspiracy in the death of Robert Kennedy is considered by former New York representative Allard Lowenstein and host William F. Buckley Jr. (60 min.)

11 THE ISSUE IS . . . Anyson

44 HOGAN'S HEROES—Comedy

Assignment: persuade Klink to apply for a transfer to Russia. Olga: Ruta Lee. Hogan: Bob Crane. Klink: Werner Klemperer. LeBeau: Robert Clary. Carter: Larry Hovis.

63 SOLAR ENERGY—Documentary

8:00 3 4 8 EMERGENCY!

Gage and DeSoto aid a policeman shot during a liquor-store holdup, and doctors at the hospital search for the source of a young boy's welts and bruises. Gage: Randolph Mantooth. DeSoto: Kevin Tighe. Brackett: Robert Fuller. Dixie: Julie London. Early: Bobby Troup. (Repeat; 60 min.)

Guest Cast

Lieutenant Crockett

James McEachin
Lyla Caine Brooke Bundy
Sam Sterling John Elerick
Brock Caine Denny Miller
Marsha Jennifer King
Arnie Scott Cliff Coleman

5 10 45 ALL IN THE FAMILY

To keep Irene and her liberated ideas away from Edith, Archie decides to get his neighbor a full-time job at the factory. But the plan backfires when Irene gets a different job than Archie had in mind. Archie: Carroll O'Connor. Irene: Betty Garrett. Edith: Jean Stapleton. Mike: Rob Reiner. (Repeat)

ARGHH!!

Does this wrestler fight to kill? Only his police surgeon (Simon Locke) knows for sure. Former tackle **Merlin Olsen** guest stars.

4 POLICE SURGEON
7:30PM



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AT 6 & 11 PM

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Saturday EVENING

7 11 13 KUNG FU

Renegade raiders led by a vengeful ex-Confederate officer kidnap two young boys, the son of a white doctor and the son of a former slave. Caine: David Carradine. (60 min.)

Guest Cast

Major Bealson L.Q. Jones
Caleb Brown Hal Williams
Dr. Cooper Charles Aidman
Sheriff Charles Haid
Elizabeth Mae Mercer
Daniel George Spell
Jimmy Craig Hundley
Mrs. Wright Anne Seymour
Lieutenant Varnum Hoke Howell
Sergeant Sutter James Weatherill

15 NOVA—Science

Birds that reportedly chirp in regional dialects are among the specimens studied in "Why Do Birds Sing?" Ornithologists explain that birds sing to attract mates, proclaim territorial rights and warn other birds of impending danger. Some species even learn tunes passed down from parent to offspring. (Repeat; 60 min.)

35 WRESTLING

40 SURVIVAL

Moths wear camouflage to elude their would-be captors in "The Great Deceivers." Species studied include the elephant-hawk moth.

45 NIGHT GALLERY

Geraldine Page as a lonely alcoholic who plans to strike back at her ex-husband with the reluctant help of a ghost. Charlie Wheatland: Leif Erikson. Joe Wilson: Paul Jenkins. Julie: Barbara Rhoades. Rod Serling is the series host.

51 NOVA—Science

"Why Do Birds Sing?" The reasons, according to scientists in this report, include warning other birds of impending danger. (Repeat; 60 min.)

8:30 5 10 46 THE JEFFERSONS

—Comedy

Louise feels out of place in her fancy new apartment, and George is making matters worse by insisting that she hire a maid. Louise: Isabel Sanford. George: Sherman Hemsley. Lionel: Mike Evans. Helen: Roxie Roker. Tom: Franklin Cover. Jenny: Berlinda Tolbert. Mother Jefferson: Zara Cully. Harry Bentley: Paul Benedict. Guest

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Washington, DC 20530

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APRIL 27, 1975

DEAR SIR,

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO SEE THAT THE TRUTH IS BROUGHT OUT
REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. LET US MAKE THE FACTS CLEAR.

SINCERELY,
George A. McGowan

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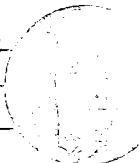
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AUG 5 1975

Mr. Paul M. Murphy
129 Gordon Road
Schenectady, New York 12306

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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[Signature]*

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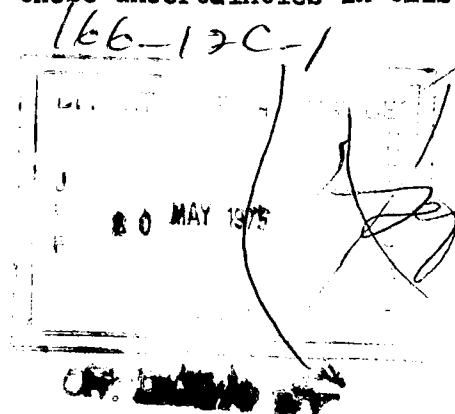
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G. R. Ford, President
United States of America

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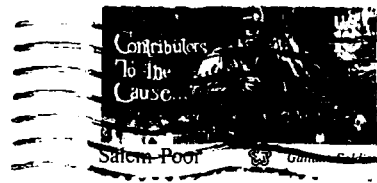
Last night former Congressman Allard Lowenstein appeared on William F. Buckley's FIRING LINE program. He made a very compelling case that there are certain unanswered questions related to the prosecution theory of the R. F. Kennedy murder. He identified a few simple tests of the physical evidence which would go a long way toward resolving these problems one way or the other. He did not appear to be a wild-eyed "kook". He and others attempting to resolve these questions have run into a stone wall of bureaucratic resistance. W. F. Buckley, a natural sceptic if there ever was one, was convinced of the need to try to resolve these questions.

Apparently, the Attorney General of the U. S. has the authority to break-up the bureaucratic log jam. Will you instruct him to help resolve these uncertainties in this very important case?



Paul M. Murphy
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129 Gordon Road
Schekestady, New York 12306

MR & MRS PAUL M MURPHY
129 GORDON ROAD
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Gerald R. Ford, President
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 3/28/75

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the ~~report of Special Agent~~ letterhead memorandum
dated 3/24/75 at Los Angeles.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning
a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of
reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless
advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will
be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further
developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will
be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ~~XXX~~ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be
taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (1)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 24, 1975

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

On March 19, 1975, Assistant Director William A. Sullivan, of the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated March 14, 1975, from George C. Thomson, of 1528 Canada Boulevard, Glendale, California 91208 (telephone 241-6085). A Xerox duplication of that letter is attached as Page two. Mr. Thomson forwarded a carbon copy of the same letter to Special Agent Gilbert G. Benjamin, in which Thomson enclosed two Xerox duplicated documents. The first, titled, "THE CHAPPAQUIDDICK COVERUP," is attached as Pages three and four. The second, titled, "CONSPIRACY REPORT NO. 1 (3-13-75)," is attached as Pages five through seven. In each of these letters, Thomson enclosed a printed business card, one Xerox copy of which is attached as Page eight.



George C. Thomson Registered Civil Engineer

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March 14, 1975

Mr. William Sullivan
Chief Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Blvd.
West Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am hereby requesting under Section 241 Title 18 of the U. S. Code, and under other applicable laws, that you proceed immediately to prosecute all persons responsible for the conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Sirhan B. Sirhan who is being held in San Quentin prison for a murder for which he was not responsible.

Information available to me shows that Senator Robert F. Kennedy lived until July 19, 1969 at which time he died by drowning on Chappaquiddick Island in Massachusetts.

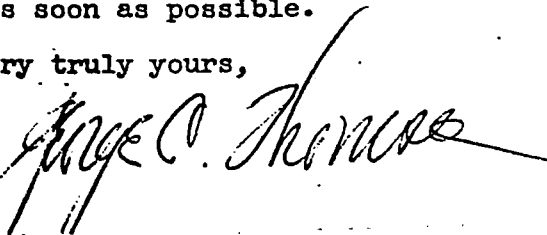
The alleged murder of Robert Kennedy was on June 5, 1968. Mr. Sirhan could not possibly have killed the Senator under these circumstances.

All information which I possess to substantiate my charge will be made available to you at your request.

Please advise me of your action as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

cc: Gilbert Benjamin
Special agent of
the F. B. I.



GCT/dd

THE CHAPPAQUIDDICK COVERUP

In the early morning hours of July 19, 1969, a Deputy Sheriff named Christopher Look was driving home, travelling east on Chappaquiddick road from the Edgartown Ferry on Chappaquiddick Island in Massachusetts. Look came to a sharp right turn in the road, where the road intersected a dirt road called Dike Road, which continued straight in the same direction Look was travelling.

Look slowed to make the right turn and he noticed a car driving northeast on School Road toward him at the same intersection. As Look slowed to almost a stop, the other car, instead of negotiating the turn on to Chappaquiddick Road toward Edgartown, drove straight ahead and stopped on a narrow sand road leading to a cemetery. As the car passed in front of Look's headlights, he saw it was a black sedan and that there appeared to be a man and a woman in the front seat, and what appeared to be some clothing in the rear.

Look turned the corner and stopped about sixty feet from the other car, stepped out of his station wagon and walked back along the center line toward the car which was stopped at the entrance to the ancient cemetery. As he was about thirty-five feet away, the car quickly reversed, made a 90° right turn and headed towards Dike Bridge and the beach, the car disappeared at high speed in a cloud of dust. It was approximately 12:45 AM.

The black sedan travelled three-quarters of a mile and, at high speed, struck some ruts in the road in front of the wooden bridge, lost control and flipped over the right side into about nine feet of water. The car came to rest with the engine toward the bridge and the rear of the car at an elevated position. The two occupants of the car were upside down with water pouring into the only open window next to the driver's left arm. The driver drowned almost immediately and the young girl scrambled into the rear seat as the water rose around her. She soon discovered that in the upside down position, the elevated section of the floor of the rear section of the car trapped sufficient air that, by grasping the upside down seat, she was able to breathe.

The position of her drowned companion prevented her escape from the only open window; and she survived for approximately two hours. Shortly before 3 AM, or thereabouts, she expired from shock, exposure and lack of oxygen.

The girl was identified as Mary Jo Kopechne, secretary to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who allegedly was murdered by Sirhan B. Sirhan in Los Angeles, approximately one year and one month earlier.

When rescuers pulled the girl's body from the car at 9 o'clock the next morning, the driver of the vehicle was not there.

Who was he and where had his body gone? When the car was pulled from the water, the front windshield which took the full

impact of the fall from the bridge was cracked but not broken in.

Both windows on the passenger side, which were smaller and did not receive such a force as did the windshield, were broken out to their frames.

Who was responsible for removing the glass from these windows? What was the purpose? Was the driver's body removed in the night and if so why was Miss Kopechne left inside the car?

What was the driver's identity? Why conceal both his body and his name?

At approximately 9 AM, the same morning, a strange conversation occurred at the Edgartown Ferry crossing at the time the paramedic was taking the body from the submerged car.

Three men boarded the ferry for the short trip across the narrow strait joining Edgartown Harbor with Katama Bay.

When the ferry docked at the Chappaquiddick terminal, one of the men, Mr. Tony Bettencourt, went up to Senator Ted Kennedy and asked, "Senator, they just took a dead girl out of your car, do you want a ride up the the bridge?" "No", said Kennedy, "I'm going over to town."

Another man named Hewitt said loudly, "Senator Kennedy, are you aware of the accident?"

One of Kennedy's companions said, "Yes, we just heard about it."

It seems to me that this was quite true, since I am fully convinced that the driver of the car was Robert Kennedy, not Ted Kennedy.

What was this terrible secret that forced the Senator from Massachusetts to take the blame for an accident which involved his brother, the former Senator from New York?

I am sure it is not necessary to overstate this case. It is better to leave the police work where it belongs, and hopefully, the Los Angeles police and the Edgartown authorities, will rise to the occasion and perform their duty.

CONSPIRACY REPORT NO. 1 (3-13-75)

Mrs. Sam "Casey" Gordon, deceased, told me approximately ten (10) years ago, that she had a woman as a house guest for approximately one year. The woman's name was Phyllis McGuire, a friend of Sam Giancana, a reputed mobster.

Casey told both my wife and I, that Marilyn Monroe had coincidentally appeared at the Seattle Worlds Fair, and in Reno, Nevada, when Senator Robert Kennedy had appeared at these locations with his family. She said that when Giancana came to Palm Springs, Miss McGuire made herself immediately available to him.

Casey lived on Crescent Drive, next to my house at 769 Crescent, which is now leased. I learned from other sources that Sam Gordon, Casey's husband was a boyhood friend of Jack Ruby, the original Jack Ruby from Chicago. I was told by a different source that Ruby was found shot to death in a barrel, and that the Dallas Ruby was an imposter.

Recent news accounts have charged that Sam Giancana employed one Johnny Roselli to make repeated attempts on Fidel Castro's life. These attempts were allegedly made at the approximate time of the Bay of Pigs invasion. (April 17, 1961)

When Roselli appeared for sentencing from a conviction resulting from a card cheating case, Roselli reportedly asked for leniency due to his participation in the Castro affair. The Judge said he did not deserve any "brownie points" for this and sentenced him to prison anyway.

The press at present, has mounted a campaign of accusation against Federal agencies with respect to their possible participation in political assassinations.

In my opinion, these accusations are not entirely justified, and I will tell you why.

I have firmly established that both Kennedy "assassinations" resulted in the death of persons other than President John Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy. With this in mind let me proceed:

The occurrence of two fake assassinations lends credence to the thought, that they were engineered in order to conceal those responsible for actual assassinations and assassination attempts.

In any criminal investigation, motive and timing should never be discounted.

The press is now suggesting that Fidel Castro had President Kennedy shot in retaliation for the attempts on his life.

We now know that this was not the case.

Let us suppose, that the disappearance from public life by President Kennedy was in fact, due to possible exposure of the

attempts on Castro's life and other domestic disclosures related thereto.

The press stated at first that two Massachusetts men, (Edelman and Walinsky), who were associates of RFK had stated that RFK had stopped the attempts on Castro's life. The next day the press said this was not the case, that it was President Kennedy who stopped the operation.

The facts are that the operation did take place and that there were six attempts to kill Castro, one of which resulted in the loss of a boat by gunfire.

It is of interest that Roselli's lawyer was Grant Cooper, who immediately following the Rosellis case, represented Sirhan Sirhan, for the alleged "murder" of RFK.

It is apparent that a complete understanding of the Friars Club Card Cheating Case (Roselli) was of paramount importance in dealing with Sirhan.

Now let us look at the fake assassination of RFK. When the true facts of this case were revealed on KUSC Radio (Rap Line, Lowell Ponte, April 24, 1970), a law suit was filed by one Ted Charach, that a plumber from Lockheed did the Senator in.

Time went by and following a discussion at Glendale College on June 5, 1974, that contained some very convincing information, Los Angeles was again invaded, this time from Massachusetts and New York.

A former New York Congressman, Allard Lowenstein, teamed with a man from UNCLE on KABC Radio to again advance "The Plumber in the Pantry", theory of political assassination.

Their intellectual discourse on two way radio was disturbed by a caller who called their attention to the coroner's report which described the deceased in other physical dimensions than the good Senator from New York possessed. According to the Los Angeles Times, RFK was positively shot in the pantry of an old hotel on Wilshire Blvd., on June 5, 1968. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Another invitation to Glendale College on February 25, 1975, blew a lot of covers, to coin a phrase. It was pointed out that Allard Lowenstein, the advocate of assassination by plumber had employed a secretary who had participated in the joyful reunion with RFK at Chappaquiddick Island on July 19, 1969, thirteen months after RFK was supposed to have been laid to rest after his funeral in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

One thing led to another and it was soon apparent that in 1969, when bodies were arriving at Travis Air Force Base from Vietnam, Bobby was enjoying the good life at Chappaquiddick playground. Bobby's driving ability soon altered this injustice however, and he landed upside down with his mouth full of sea water, at Poucha Pond. Thus ended the saga of the New Frontier and the Mystery of Camelot.

On Channel 13 Los Angeles, a man of rapid voice named, Mort Sahl teamed with this above mentioned man from UNCLE on the night of March 12, 1975 and prepared the American uninitiated and uninformed public with the coming disclosure that the pantry gunfire resulted from blank cartridges, but to no one's surprise, he hung on tenaciously to the libel of the plumbing industry at Lockheed Aircraft Company in Burbank.

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Indices of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI indicate that from 1964 to the present, Mr. Thomson has made numerous complaints to this division of the FBI, by telephone, mail, or in person. Most of these complaints have dealt with the theme that President John F. Kennedy was not shot in Dallas, Texas; that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was not killed at the Ambassador Hotel, in Los Angeles; that there was an erroneous identification in the shooting of Governor George C. Wallace; and that attempted aircraft hijackings from 1970 through March 1972 were the responsibility of Arab guerrillas. Additional information from several different individuals indicates that they too were contacted by Mr. Thomson with similar complaints.

On October 12, 1964, Thomson telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Division of the FBI at which time he wanted to report he had in his employment a man from South America whose name he felt the FBI should have in its files. He said he considered the individual completely loyal to the United States but "in view of his foreign connections" thought his name should be in the possession of the FBI. At that time Thomson continued, "Sometimes I think the Russians are reading my mind, because things I think in solitude I read later in the newspapers."

In the fall of 1967, a United States Senator furnished the FBI with a copy of a communication from Thomson in which the latter indicated that after three years investigation he had satisfied himself "that the insane lunatic who shot and killed at least six people that day" (the day President Kennedy was shot in Dallas) was none other than the then Vice President, Lyndon B. Johnson. Thomson's letter continued, "Let the Department of Justice state publicly that I am wrong. To bad, They do not dare to beacuse they cannot. They have the power, but I have the truth."

On July 30, 1970, George C. Thomson called this office to advise that based on his analysis of the autopsy of the victim of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, he was of the opinion that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was not dead, and that Sirhan B. Sirhan was not guilty. He said he based his conclusions on the alleged paths of the bullets and the direction in which they were supposed to have been fired.

On August 6, 1970, another source who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that he had overheard George C. Thomson state publicly, "President John F. Kennedy was never assassinated in Dallas, Texas. The person shot in that car was a JFK double."

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During an interview in connection with another official investigation in May 1974, the person being interviewed reported he had received a telephone call during the morning of May 21, 1974, by an individual who introduced himself as George Thomson, Consulting Engineer, of Glendale, California. This source questioned Thomson's mental stability, on the basis of allegations the latter made regarding "a conspiracy by the FBI and the police to do away with the Symbionese Liberation Army", a characterization of which is appended hereto, and Thomson's comment on "thought control." He said that Thomson had indicated he became aware of a "new medical theory regarding 'thought control' which involved a surgical technique applied onto an ear."

APPENDIX

SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY

The Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) was reportedly formed in the Summer of 1973, in California. An SLA document captioned, "Declaration of Revolutionary War and the Symbionese Program," dated 8/21/73, states " . . . Therefore, we of the Symbionese Federation of the SLA . . . do now, by the rights of our children and people and by force of arms and with every drop of our blood, declare revolutionary war against the fascist, capitalist class. We support by force of arms the just struggles of all oppressed people for self-determination and independence within the United States and the world, and hereby offer to all liberation movements, revolutionary workers' groups and peoples' organizations our total aid and support for the struggle for freedom and justice for all people and races" The SLA has claimed credit for the 11/6/73 assassination of Dr. Marcus Foster, Oakland, California, School Superintendent; the 2/4/74 kidnaping of Patricia Campbell Hearst, daughter of newspaper publisher-owner Randolph A. Hearst; and the 4/15/74 robbery of the Hibernia Bank, San Francisco, California, in the furtherance of its revolutionary objectives. Six members of the SLA were involved in a shoot-out with the FBI and Los Angeles, California, police on 5/17/74, resulting in their deaths. Although no current information has been developed indicating the group has been active in areas other than California, other groups and individuals have surfaced claiming adherence to the SLA's revolutionary tenets.

APPENDIX

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February 14, 1975

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Javits:

Your correspondence of February 10, 1975, has been received by the Office of Legislative Affairs. This inquiry pertains to the letter of Richard Shapiro.

Because of its specific nature, I have referred your request to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and asked that office to reply directly to you.

If I can be of additional assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

A. Mitchell McConnell, Jr.
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

FEB 28 1975

Dear Senator Javits:

This is in response to your February 10, 1975 referral of a letter from Richard Shapiro which request that you take some action in getting the Robert F. Kennedy assassination matter re-opened.

Ref 3-25-70
This matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or at the trial of the case.

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We can only suggest that Mr. Shapiro direct his inquiries to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

J. STANLEY POTTINGER
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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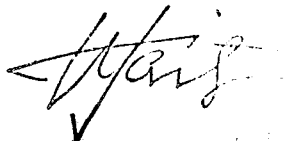
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

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By direction of



Jacob K. Javits

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United States Senate

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SCOTT SKLAR

Jan. 28, 1975

Senator Javits,

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I'm writing in support of Allard Lowenstein's demand that the

~~Robert Kennedy murder case be reopened.~~ I agree with Mr. Lowenstein

that there are certain questions that must be looked into. I believe

that many of my fellow countrymen and women share these suspicions. What seemed like paranoia ten years ago seems at least plausible today.

Yours truly,

Richard Shapiro

Richard Shapiro

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11236

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January 24, 1975

Honorable John Y. McCollister
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman McCollister:

The Attorney General has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence of January 21, 1975, pertaining to the letter of James V. Armstrong.

Because of its specific nature, I have referred your request to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and have asked that office to reply directly to you.

If I can be of additional assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

W. Vincent Rakestraw
Assistant Attorney General

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Honorable John Y. McCollister
House of Representatives
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FEB 12 1975

Dear Congressman McCollister:

This is in response to your January 21, 1975 referral of a letter from James V. Armstrong which request that you take some action in getting the Robert F. Kennedy assassination matter re-opened.

This matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or at the trial of the case.

We can only suggest that Mr. Armstrong direct his inquiries to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

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Honorable William Saxbe, Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
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Yours truly,

Wm. J. Armstrong
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Second District
Nebraska

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Yours truly,
CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

[Signature]

M. C.

Second District
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Letter from J. Armstrong

December 18, 1974

Mr. James V. Armstrong
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Omaha, Neb. 68137

Mr. John Y. McCollister
Federal Building
215 N. 17th St.
Omaha, Neb. 68137.

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Dear Mr. McCollister,

Something has just come to my attention that I think is of the utmost importance regarding the future of the United States of America, and every man, woman, and child living in it. Please do not take lightly what I am about to say. I am not a "nut" or political "screwball" and am writing to you as I don't know who else will listen and be able to take action.

About five minutes ago my wife and I finished watching the "Tom Snyder program", "TOMORROW" and the subject was the Robert Kennedy assassination. Tom's guest was a Mr. Al Lowenstein, I believe he is an attorney, and a man who I believe is the District Attorney for the city of Los Angeles, California, Mr. Joe Busch.

Mr. Lowenstein has what I feel are some very good questions regarding the assassination, pertaining to inaccuracies in the investigation. One of the points was, "How come there are twelve different bullet holes both in persons and building when the revolver used capacity was only eight rounds?" "Why are there two different bullet types in those recovered if in fact only one gun was used?" "If in fact Sen. Kennedy was shot three times from the rear at a very close range, (one or two inches) why did the witnesses, over fifty, not see Sirhan behind him but rather from two to four feet as per testimony?" Mr. Lowenstein had what I feel are more questions that seem to be unanswered. Until this point in the program it was just plain interesting.

Mr. Busch was in California and not in the New York studios so a telephone hook-up was utilized with the purpose Mr. Busch as a key figure in this investigation and trial, answer some of these questions. Obviously, Mr. Busch and Mr. Lowenstein have encountered before because the very first thing Mr. Busch did was to throw a critical remark toward Mr. Lowenstein. Mr. McCollister, the thing that really has me literally "shook-up" is the fact that Mr. Busch could not answer even one of Mr. Lowenstein's questions, not one. All Mr. Busch did was to re-assert the decisions as they had come out, all the time being in my opinion very defensive about himself and his department.

Mr. McCollister, I do not write to my congressman regularly. In fact, I wrote you once a year ago regarding the fuel crisis and its effect on general aviation of which I am apart. I never expected a reply from you but I got one and for that I think you are one hell of a man. Thanks. Please take some kind of action to get this assassination case re-opened. There is just too much unanswered that I can let it go by without action on my part. Can I help you to get this done? Should I write to someone else? Please let me hear from you once again and I ask that it be as soon as possible. If you didn't see the program obtain a tape from NBC and I think you too will be "shook-up".

Sincerely,

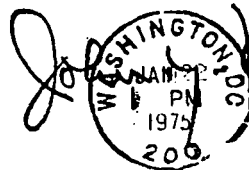
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Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Cranston:

Your ~~correspondence~~ of January 13, 1975, has been received by the Office of Legislative Affairs. This inquiry pertains to the letter of Jerome O'Brien.

Because of its specific nature, I have referred your request to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and asked that office to reply directly to you.

If I can be of additional assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

W. Vincent Rakestraw
Assistant Attorney General

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January 13, 1975

Honorable Birch Bayh
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

Your correspondence of recent date has been received by the Office of Legislative Affairs. This inquiry pertains to the postcard of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Smith.

Because of its specific nature, I have referred your request to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and asked that office to reply directly to you.

If I can be of additional assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

JAN 23 1975

Dear Senator Cranston:

The correspondence from Jerome O'Brien, referred by you to this Department's Office of Congressional Liaison, has been forwarded to this Division for reply.

Mr. O'Brien apparently requests a reopening of the investigation of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. This matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or brought out at the trial.

We can only suggest that Mr. O'Brien direct his inquiries to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure from:

Jerome O'Brien
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1235 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

Re: Will a reinvestigation of RFK's assassination be ordered?

I forward the attached for your consideration.

Your report, in duplicate, along with the return of the enclosure will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston
Alan Cranston

Please address envelope to:
Senator Alan Cranston
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Att: Win Farin

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Enclosure from:

Jerome O'Brien
Santa Rosa High School
1235 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

Re: Will a reinvestigation of RFK's assassination be ordered?

I forward the attached for your consideration.

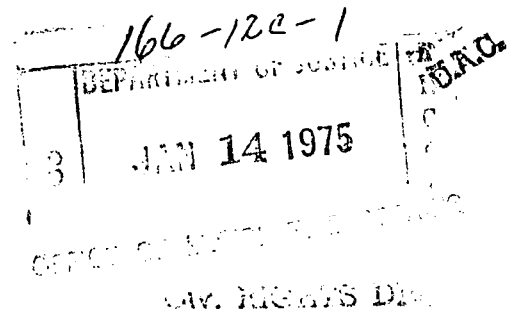
Your report, in duplicate, along with the return of the enclosure will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston
Alan Cranston

Please address envelope to:
Senator Alan Cranston
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Att: Win Farin



December 16, 1974
Santa Rosa High School
1235 Mendocino Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Sir,

I strongly urge you to support the R.F.K. investigation
of Allard Lowenstein.

I request a reply regarding your stand on this issue.

Sincerely,

Jerome O'Brien

Jerome O'Brien

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JAN 23 1975

Honorable Birch Bayh
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

The correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Smith referred by you to this Department has been forwarded to this Division for reply.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith inquire as to a reopening by the federal government of the investigation into the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. This matter was, to the best of our knowledge, fully investigated by authorities of the State of California and Mr. Sirhan was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced by a California court for violations of the laws of that State. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or at the trial of the case.

We can only suggest that Mr. and Mrs. Smith direct their inquiries to the appropriate authorities of the State of California.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

J. STANLEY POTTINGER
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: ✓ Records

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MACEO W. HUBBARD

Supervisory Trial Attorney

Criminal Section

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Memorandum (5)
Office of Legislative Affairs
re: Kennedy assassination

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Please note the attached letter from a constituent forwarded to you for any consideration the correspondence may warrant. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter. Upon completion of your investigation, please advise me of the status of this case in duplicate and return the original letter in an envelope marked to the attention of the Legislative Mail Section.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Birch Bayh
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Birch Bayh A.O.
United States Senator
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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Sincerely,

Birch Bay
Birch Bay, A.O.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

CIVIL RIGHTS DIV.

DECEMBER 18, 1974
Mr & Mrs R I Smith

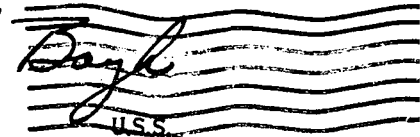
I would appreciate it if you would sponsor legislation requiring the re-opening of the investigation into the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. There are too many facts and supposed facts which do not fit the "lone assassin theory". Having heard Mr. Bush, the L.A. County district atty., I question his desire to get out the true facts (perhaps not to cover-up a conspiracy as some suggest, but it is quite possible he would like to cover-up police inefficiency. (twelve bullets or more fired, but Sirhan Sirhan had only six is only one example of this unusual situation).

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1975

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D. A. B.

Honorable Clifford P. Case
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Case:

Your correspondence of January 3, 1975, has been received by the Office of Legislative Affairs. This inquiry pertains to the letter of Mr. Larry J. Moore.

Because of its specific nature, I have referred your request to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and asked that office to reply directly to you.

If I can be of additional assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

W. Vincent Rakestraw
Assistant Attorney General

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Honorable Clifford P. Case
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

JAN 23 1975

Dear Senator Case:

The correspondence from Larry J. Moore referred by you to this Department's Congressional Liaison has been forwarded to this Division for reply. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Mr. Moore inquires as to the appropriate authority to request a reopening of the assassination investigation involving Sirhan Sirhan. The murder of Senator Kennedy was fully investigated, and Mr. Sirhan was tried, by authorities of the State of California, for violations of the laws of that State. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the possibility that all available facts were not disclosed to the public or at the trial of the case.

We can only suggest that Mr. Moore direct his inquiries to appropriate California agencies.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

J. STANLEY POTTINGER
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

MACEO W. HUBBARD
Supervisory Trial Attorney
Criminal Section

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United States Senate

January 3, 1975

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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RE: Mr. Larry J. Moore
35 Orchard St.
Pompton Lakes, N. J. 07442

Respectfully referred to
Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

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By direction of

JAN 14 1975
Clifford P. Case,

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Does this belong to us? Please advise

*Brenda
1/14*

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December 19th, 1974

Senator Clifford Case
Room 315
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator,

On the WNBC-TV Tomorrow show aired December 19th with host Tom Snyder, guest former Congressman Townsman asserted that there are at least 3 profound unanswered questions concerning the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy. The other guest, Los Angeles D.A. Bussch who carried out the investigation of the shooting alleged that Townsman was insincere and was raising his questions from devious motives.

However upon hearing Townsman's questions [① Sirhan B. Sirhan's gun could only hold 8 bullets, but apparently 12 bullets were fired ② experts testify that Sen. Kennedy was shot from behind with the gun only 1 or 2 inches away, yet all eye-witnesses testify that Sirhan was in front of Kennedy at a distance of anywhere from 13" to several feet ③ Different types of fired bullets were recovered] I question the integrity of the D.A.'s rebuttal and also his motives. I sense a cover-up on the D.A.'s part of what

actually happened. (I accuse or allege
nothing of the D.A. -- only speculate).

To this day I am saddened by
the untimely death of the two Kennedys.
I am certainly not at all satisfied
by the Warren Commission Report, and now
have serious questions about the Senator's death.

Can you reopen the investigation
with the specific intent of answering Mrs.
Lowenstein's questions? Are you the
correct authority to initiate this? If not,
to whom may I write to suggest the
re-opening of the investigation (the
L.A. D.A. is close-minded).

I'll be eagerly looking forward to
your reply.

Sincerely,
Larry J. Moore

P.S. I, a citizen whose "cover-up" senses
have been sharpened by Nixon's antics and
crimes, sense something wrong with the Sen.
Kennedy investigation. Could this matter
be another Watergate? I WANT TO KNOW!

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Clifford P. Case
U. S. S.

Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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FEB 3 1975

Mr. George O. Smith, III
5381 Fox Hills Avenue
Buena Park, California 90621

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter to the Attorney General concerning the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy has been referred to me.

The assassination of Robert Kennedy was local, rather than Federal in nature, and its investigation was the responsibility of local authorities in California. You may wish to express your views to the California authorities.

Sincerely,

RONALD L. GAINER
Chief, Legislation and Special
Projects Section
Criminal Division

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December 18, 1974

Dear Sir:

I am typing this letter while watching **Dec 23 10:15 PM '74** with Tom Snyder from New York. Tom is currently talking to Mr. Bush. **DEPT. OF JUSTICE MAIL UNIT** Tom's guest, a former New York congressman, has raised a number interesting points concerning the death of Senator Kennedy. In my opinion Mr. Bush is doing a very poor job in answering Mr. Loinstene's (forgive the spelling) questions. In fact I would say that he is not answering them, but rather trying to pass Mr. Loinstene as some kind of kook or fanatic. The questions Mr. Loinstene has raised are as follows: (1) Sirhan's gun could only fire 8 bullets. 5 bullets struck bystanders, 3 struck the senator, with the 1 passing through his chest and leaving his body, not being recovered. The interesting fact is that a ninth bullet passed through the senator's raincoat at his shoulder. Also 3 bullet holes were found in the ceiling. How could a gun that can only fire 8 bullets make 12 bullet holes? (2) Ballistic experts determined that the gun was fired at a distance of 1 to 2 inches from the senator's head, yet not 1 of the eyewitnesses confirms this. Allowing for conflicting reports as is usual, the closest distance reported was 18 inches. (3) If all the bullets were fired from the same gun they themselves should be the same (markings). In fact a bullet taken from the senator and one taken from a bystander are not the same. An added fact is that all of the cartridges had 2 rings on them. The manufacturer, Cascade, makes 22 caliber bullets with only 2 rings on them. One of the bullets used as evidence had only 1 ring.

The American people are entitled to the truth! What kind of coverup has taken place? It is obvious by Mr. Bush's answers that he is hiding something. Is it the truth????????? - with the government of today, it is most likely, in fact most probable!!!! Democracy? Truth? Freedom? Equality? Where?

George O. Smith III.

5431 Fox Hollow Ave
Buena Park, Calif. 90621



United States Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

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DEC 20 1974

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

This is in reply to your memorandum enclosing a copy of correspondence from Mr. Bill Patton of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Patton requests information on Sirhan Sirhan.

Sirhan Sirhan was tried, convicted and sentenced to death in a California State Court for the first degree murder of Senator Robert Kennedy. We understand that he is presently serving a life sentence in a California State Penitentiary.

Sincerely,

J. STANLEY POTTINGER
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

MACEO W. HUBBARD
Supervisory Trial Attorney
Criminal Section

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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Attn: Craig Honeyman

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Attn: Craig Honeyman

Form #2

66-120-7
August 21, 1974

Senator Mark Hatfield
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hatfield;

I am writing to you to inquire as to the whereabouts of Sirhan Sirhan. I have noticed that news about him has ceased to exist. My main question is whether he is in our prison, or has he been deported? I am curious to see how our country is handling the assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy and how our judicial system is operating in this case.

Also, if you cannot answer this question, maybe you could refer me to a party who could. Any information you could supply me with will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Bill Patton
1100 N.W. 199th
Portland, OR 97229

jlm/BP

UNITED STATES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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United States Attorney General
Washington D.C.

Sir: I just finished
reading an article on Organized
Crime. I'm sure that you know
as well as I that Robert Kennedy
swore that he would get Jimmy
Hoffa, and in 1967 Hoffa went
to prison. I'm sure Hoffa wasn't
a happy man afterwards. A few
months later Robert Kennedy
was murdered in Los Angeles. 166-12C-1

I know that the police
and everyone else is satisfied
that they have him in
prison for the crime and I'm
sure that he did it, but what
about the possible grudge Hoffa
had? Hoffa had friends on
the outside that could have
complied with Hoffa's wishes.

I am not accusing Mr Hoffa
but isn't it a chance he
had something to do with it?
Or maybe Frank Sinatra seeing
what Kennedy did to him?
From this article I read they
both had motive. Sinatra even
ended his friendship with Peter
Lawford because he was married

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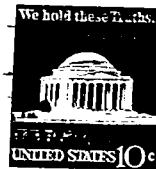
to a Kennedy.

I am not a Police
Officer or any other Peace Officer,
just a Concerned Citizen Against
Organized Crime.

Again I say that I am
not accusing anyone but it just
seems strange that Robert (and John)
were killed after Robert took over
Attorney General and started his
war against Crime.

Thank-You for your time and
~~the~~ patience with my wanting to
know why Kennedy was killed.

J. Sheinfeld
210 Alamosa Ave
Long Beach, California
90802



United States Attorney General

Washington D.C.

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May 6, 1974

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U. S. Attorney General
Constitution Avenue
between 9th and 10th
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Robert Kennedy assassin on the night of the tragedy carried \$400 in crisp new bills at the time of his capture the 1st week of June 1968 in Los Angeles, according to news sources I heard many years ago.

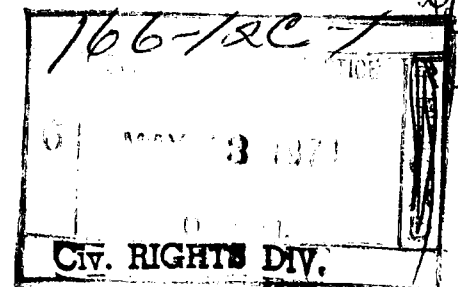
BY WHAT MEANS DID THE ASSASSIN COME BY THIS MONEY? IS THERE A PUBLIC STATEMENT PUBLISHED ABOUT THIS FACT?

I am therefore, with very best wishes,

Cordially,

Michele Skadsen

Michele Marie Skadsen
44 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102



Michele Skadsen
114 McAllister St.
San Francisco, CA 94102

U. S. Attorney
Constitution Avenue
between 9th and 10th
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON DC

IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST WE ARE DISCLOSING TODAY AT ONE PM EDT
CORROBORATIVE HARD NEW EVIDENCE IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL
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PAINSTAKING FIVE YEAR RESEARCH IS SUBSTANTIATED BY NEW AFFIDAVIT
AND ANALYSIS BY PROFESSOR HERBERT LEON MACDONELL OF NEW YORK
STATE, ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN FORENSIC
SCIENCES WITH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF HIGH QUALIFICATION,
COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY. PROFESSOR MACDONELL'S DISTINGUISHED

CAREER ENBRACES STUDIES FOR NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
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INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THESE DISCLOSURES
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THAT ALLEGEDLY OBSTRUCTED JUSTICE AND PARTICIPATED IN A STATE
COVER-UP IN OCTOBER 1971. FURTHERMORE THE SIRHAN WEAPON H53725
IS NOT THE WEAPON USED FOR BALLISTICS ANOTHER GUN NUMBER H18602
WAS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE. OUR FINDINGS DEMAND IT NECESSARY THAT
THE SIRHAN WEAPON BE REFIRED UNDER INDEPENDENT SUPERVISION OF
RESPECTED FEDERAL FIREARMS EXAMINERS AND THE TRUTH SHOULD BE
THE GOAL OF A NEW JUDICIAL HEARING. ATTORNEY ALTON I. LEIS OF
BEVERLY HILLS, WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION AND
MATERIAL IN OUR BEHALF AND COOPERATE WITH RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL
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AND CONCERNED STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. RESPECTFULLY
INVESTIGATOR REPORTER

THEODORE CHAFACH /CARE LAW OFFICES OF ALTON I LEIS
900 9777 WILSHIRE BLVD /BEVERLY HILLS CALIFORNIA
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December 14, 1973

Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

per
12/11/73
This is in response to your communication of November 16, 1973, forwarding an inquiry from Maryellen Marx. She suggested initiation of Congressional hearings on the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In our view the facts surrounding this tragic event were fully explored in the trial by California of his assassin, Sirhan Sirhan. We are not aware of any additional information which might warrant the suggested hearings.

A.H.W.
12/12/73
Please advise if we can be of further assistance to you in this matter. We are returning herewith the correspondence you furnished.

Sincerely,

ALL
HENRY E. PETERSEN
Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Robinson (2)
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Respectfully referred to:

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with ~~with a separate enclosure~~ enclosure, will be appreciated.

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Richard S. Schweiker
Pennsylvania

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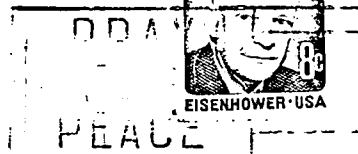
I understand that there
maybe a Congressional
Hearing concerning the facts
surrounding the assassination
of Bobby Kennedy. Please have
this case reopened and have
the hearing, ever since it
happened its been bothersome
as I'm sure its been bothering
a lot of people. You owe the people
the truth. You owe it to yourself
and you owe it to the memory of
Bobby. Over the past months
we have learned some pretty shock-
ing things and I think that in some
horrible way there is a connection.
But whether there is a connection
or not a reopening of the case may prove
it to be well worthy of your time and
trouble to find out the truth.

Respectfully
Marilyn Gray

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Senator Richard Schweiker
New Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

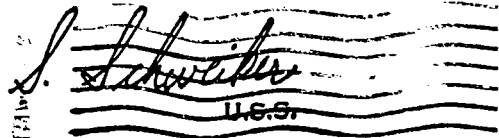
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Internal Revenue Service

Washington, DC 20224

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In reply refer to:

CP:I:T (93-97-1)

▷ Honorable Henry E. Petersen
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Attn: Acting Deputy Chief
Internal Security Section

In Re: SIRHAN, Sharif Bishara

On April 16, 1973, you requested that the Department of Justice be advised whether the Internal Revenue Service had conducted any electronic surveillance (lawful or unlawful) of the subject named individual(s) or his (their) premises. You further requested that this reply include any surveillances where one of the parties may have consented to the surveillance.

The electronic surveillance files of the Internal Revenue Service are indexed under the names of individuals who were the subjects of electronic surveillance, attempted electronic surveillance, or on whom leads were obtained as a result of electronic surveillance. Only in those instances where a surveillance was attempted or conducted at premises where the identity of the individuals surveilled could not be ascertained are our files indexed by address or other geographical location.

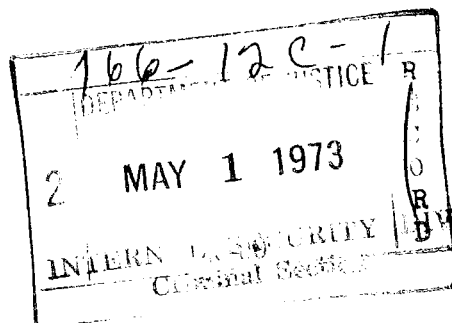
Our files disclose that none of the individuals named above were the subject of any electronic surveillance conducted by the Intelligence Division. No conversations in which any of the above participated were intercepted, overheard, or recorded through electronic surveillance conducted by the Intelligence Division.

File John (jrm)

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Honorable Henry E. Petersen

We have also searched our files for any electronic surveillance conducted at the addresses set forth in your request. The results of this search were negative.

The Director, Internal Security Division, Inspection Service, advises that the Inspection Service has conducted no surveillance on the individuals named in your request and they have no indication of any surveillance conducted at the addresses set forth in your inquiry.

If any additional information concerning this matter is required, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Olszewski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Olszewski" clearly distinguishable.

John J. Olszewski

Director, Intelligence Division

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27 APR 1973

Mr. B. H. Schageman
42940 Texas
Palm Desert, California 92260

Dear Mr. Schageman:

Your letter to the President concerning the Supreme Court's decision on capital punishment has been referred to me.

The President appreciates the interest which prompted you to express your views on this most important matter.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN
Assistant Attorney General

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Dear Mr. President:

I hope the Supreme Court realizes that not sending Sirhan Sirhan to the electric chair has caused the death of two fine dedicated men.

If he had been electricuted no one could demand his release.

The courts decision on Capitol punishment was a disgrace.

Sincerely yours,
D. N. Schageman
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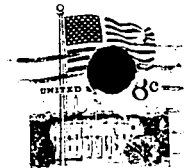
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President R. Nixon,
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PART 801—VOTING RIGHTS
PROGRAM

Appendix A; Georgia

Appendix A to Part 801 is amended as
set out below to show, under the heading
"Dates, Times, and Places for Filing," a
change in the place for filing in Lee
County, Ga.:

APPENDIX A

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* GEORGIA *

County; place for filing; beginning date.

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Lee; (1) Leesburg—Farmers Exchange
Building, Second Floor; April 3, 1967, through
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERV-
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[SEAL] JAMES C. SPRY,
*Executive Assistant to
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Dear President:

Congratulation on not giving in to 'blackmail'. I agree with you in that the murderers should be punished. Sirhan Sirhan is considered by the Black September group to be one of them and they consider him your hostage. If they kill their hostages then they should expect that you will execute Sirhan Sirhan, your hostage. If a few countries had the courage to execute those persons that the Black September consider hostages then they will think three times before they name their hostages held by another country. Sirhan Sirhan is a convicted murderer, he should have been executed at the time of his conviction. You have stated the Black September group should be punished, and you have one of their member as a hostage, therefore it is a very good time to carry out the execution of Sirhan Sirhan. This is the only fitting punishment for international outlaws, the only one they understand. As long as Sirhan Sirhan lives he will be used again and again to justify the murder of Americans, already Kennedy, Noel and Moore have fallen because of Sirhan Sirhan.

Respectfully submitted

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MR. PRESIDENT :

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SINCE I CAME TO THIS PRISON ON AUGUST 10, 1971, I HAVE HAD SEVERAL LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN - WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF ASSASSINATING SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN 1968. I HAVE ALSO OBTAINED FROM SIRHAN SEVERAL STATEMENTS PERSONALLY HANDWRITTEN AND SIGNED BY SIRHAN HIMSELF. THESE ARE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

LAST WEEK I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY NUMEROUS PROMINENT PERSONS WHO WERE INTERESTED TO HAVE A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS, IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO HAVE THE ORIGINAL. I HAVE SENT SUCH TO MR. KENNEDY AND MR. ONASSIS.

THE REASON FOR ME TO WRITE TO YOU THIS LETTER IS THAT IN THE DOCUMENTS SIRHAN MENTIONS THE NAMES OF TWO PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU IN 1968 AND WHO, ACCORDING TO SIRHAN, WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

OF COURSE THERE ARE REASONABLE CAUSES TO DISBELIEVE THE ALLEGATIONS MADE THEREIN. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER I DEEMED IT WISE TO NOTIFY YOU ABOUT IT.

YOURS TRULY,

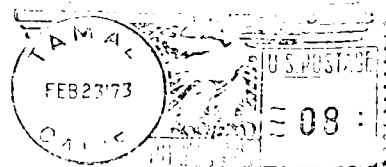
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
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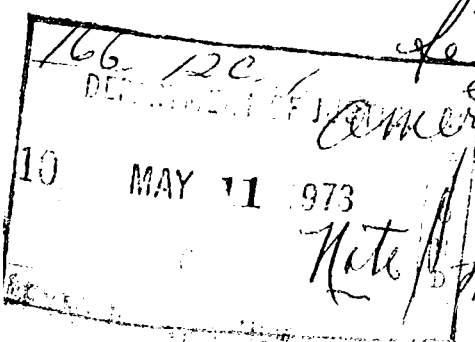
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President.

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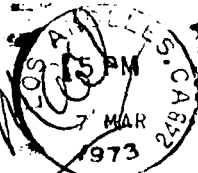
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I don't intend to be playing
the "dozen" — but I know
you were a man before
you were President. My
fine point this time is
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You can't be so far away
that you don't hear this
mother

The whole world has seen
you cry. And Mercy was
given you.

Respectfully
(Roberta Jackson)
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Environmentalism Warns Against 'Overillumination'...

Light Pollution Is Newest Threat To America's Health

by MARGE FERRIS

According to Malcolm Wells, a prominent environmentalist, automobile fumes, industrial waste and sewage aren't the only types of pollution plaguing modern society.

There is now a new and possibly much more dangerous kind to add to the list — light pollution!

Bad things happen at night — criminals become more active, automobile accidents increase, chickens lay fewer eggs. Because of these and other night-related problems, modern society seems hell-bent on doing away with darkness. Night, in fact, is being legislated out of existence, says Wells.

"Brilliant 'crime lights' are sprouting on downtown streets. Mercury-vapor bulbs glow over freeways, parking lots, bridges and playing fields. Even homes

— like modern poultry houses — are lit all through the night for the 'welfare' of their inhabitants. We have become neurotic about night," claims Wells.

We may also be unwittingly doing away with a valuable natural resource, the scientist adds. Night and darkness are part of man's environmental heritage. The natural day, to which our bodies have been tuned, operates not by the clock but by the cycle of light and darkness. And this cycle is extremely important to health and happiness.

But soon darkness may be almost unavailable to urban people — except in private rooms or lightproof compartments — "even though soft, restful darkness is a perfect set-

ting for the deep rest that all day-time creatures require."

"We're losing all that," Wells warns. "Going, going, gone is the wonderful, private feeling of being outdoors in safety on a dark night."

"Kiss the stars good-by," the environmentalist says, referring to the tremendous light spill from our overilluminated cities.

Observatories have felt the light spill problem for years. Light creeping up from Los Angeles has spoiled the view from Mount Wilson and put the observatory there just about out of business. Although the Mount Palomar observatory

has not yet been ruined, it is also being severely affected.

"Any observatory is going to have trouble," says Charles Federer, editor of Sky and Telescope magazine. "As light pollution spreads, even your average backyard astronomer is getting hurt."

Excess light is also having biological effects.

Young female test animals, kept under prolonged illumination, begin menstruating earlier than animals kept to a standard light-and-darkness cycle. And according to N.A. Jafarey, a Pakistani physician, excess light causes girls living in indus-

trialized societies to mature earlier.

Scientist John Ott of Sarasota, Florida, also points an accusing finger at artificial light. His experiments have shown that unnatural lighting affects sexual activity and productivity.

Finally, the tremendous amount of electricity used to overlight cities and homes is depleting fuel reserves.

Malcolm Wells predicts that someday, perhaps in the not too distant future, strict laws will "limit artificial lighting to the surfaces that need light, and prevent light spillage into the sky or into people's eyes."

Destroying night could eventually become as serious a crime as polluting water or fouling the air.

Jesus said — "with God

All Things Are Possible!" Are you facing difficult problems? Poor health? Money or Job troubles? Unhappiness? Drink? Worried, Frightened or Afraid in any way? Love or Family troubles? Would you like more Happiness, Success & "Good Fortune" in Life? If you have any of these problems or others like them, Dear Friend, then here is wonderful News of a Remarkable New Way of Prayer that is helping thousands to Glorious New Happiness, Comfort & Joy! Just clip this message NOW & mail with your Name, Address and 10c. We will rush this Wonderful New Message of Prayer & Faith to you by return mail. Absolutely FREE! We will also send you FREE, this beautiful GOLDEN CROSS for you to keep and treasure!

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- HERE ARE SOME CLUES TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY THIS FAMOUS BUILDING:
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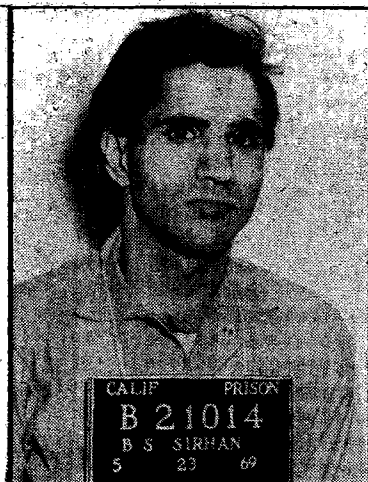
SIRHAN SIRHAN'S FAMILY IS STILL PAYING FOR MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY

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**Poverty, Shame & Feelings
Of Mistrust Have Turned
Them Against One Another**



A PRISON mug shot of
Sirhan Sirhan -
by **CARL DAVIDSON**

The lives of the Sirhan family have completely fallen apart since Sirhan B. Sirhan, the second youngest of five brothers, assassinated Senator Robert F. Kennedy four years ago.

Since the trial following the 1968 shooting in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel, Sirhan, now 28, has been in San Quentin prison serving a life sentence.

The only word that can be used to describe the lives of his mother and four brothers since the assassination is "aimless".



Sirhan's mother, 61-year-old Mary Sirhan, and every son except Munir, the youngest, have been out of work. They have very few friends and even fewer hopes for the future.

Mrs. Sirhan has been divorced for years from her husband, who still lives in Jordan. Neighbors in

the Pasadena, California, community where she lives with two of her five sons say they feel sorry for her.

"She looks so old and frail," says Gabriel Arandia, a 25-year-old mother of six who lives next door to the Sirhan residence.

"She rarely goes out of the house and sometimes refuses to come to the door or answer the telephone.

"Sometimes I see Mrs. Sirhan watering her lawn, but most of the time she sits in the house," said Mrs. Arandia.

Life has been a series of troubles for the remaining brothers since Sirhan assassinated Kennedy. The five brothers range in age from 24-40.

Said, the oldest, is currently facing a municipal court trial on charges of disturbing the peace. The charges were leveled against him by his mother.

Police say he broke a window in his mother's house in July and threatened to burn the home down in the belief that Mrs. Sirhan had been withholding family funds.

Mrs. Sirhan claims, "I have no funds and no income other than from Munir (her youngest son)."

Said has also been convicted of LSD and marijuana possession, and a public drunkenness.

Shariff Sirham, 39, needs constant medical attention for his ulcer and a nervous condition.

Shariff told reporters, "The memory of the shooting is always there in front of my eyes. My life

has become worse than hell."

Shariff and Said, the oldest of the five brothers, live together, and Shariff says, "Often Said and I go days and even weeks at a time without eating."

Shariff, who was convicted in 1968 of sawing through the brake lines of his ex-girlfriend's car, has had two post-assassination allegations against him dropped. He was accused of threatening the lives of Sultan's defense attorneys and of causing a disturbance at the Pasadena Hospital where his brother, Said, was recovering from a car accident.

Shariff says it is impossible for him or his brothers to get jobs.

"When we are interviewed," he says, "the employer asks us about our relationship to Sirhan. They ask a lot of questions and never call us back."

Adel, 33, is the only one of the brothers who has not been in trouble with the police over the past four years. He is an unemployed flute player and lives at home with his mother and younger brother, Munir.

Munir, 24, is the only wage-earner in the family. He lives at home and holds jobs as a mechanic at two different gas stations.

"Munir is a good boy," says his mother. **"He supports me and keeps me alive."**

While Said and Shariff are alienated from their mother by the argument for which Mrs. Sirhan



brought charges against her oldest son, Munir and Adel stick close by her side.

They have given up the church activities which provided them with their only social outlet.

"I lost my job as housekeeper at the church," said Mrs. Sirhan. And Adel added, "Ever since the shooting people have looked at us differently."

Of all the brothers, Shariff is the one who feels strongest about his younger brother's conviction.

"Our lives will go on being troubled until the truth comes out in Sirhan's case. After that, everything will be all right," he says.



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Miss Bonnie Snapp
Wichert Community
c/o Consolidated School
District No. 262
Wichert Rural Station
St. Anne, Illinois 60965

Dear Bonnie:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your correspondence postmarked May 13, 1972. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Sirhan Sirhan was tried, convicted and sentenced to death, in a California State Court for the first degree murder of Senator Robert Kennedy. The California Supreme Court has subsequently declared the death penalty unconstitutional and Sirhan's sentence was reduced to life in prison. He is presently serving his sentence in a California State Penitentiary.

James Earl Ray pled guilty in Tennessee to charges of first degree murder in the slaying of the Reverend Martin Luther King. He is presently serving a life sentence in a Tennessee State Penitentiary.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. NORMAN
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
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Tam -

Hope this is enough.

Judy B.

① Kennedy - Sirhan Sirhan; tried in California State Court for first degree murder - convicted - sentenced to death. Since that time, Calif. Supreme Court held death penalty unconstitutional and Sirhan's sentence reduced to life in Prison. Presently is serving sentence in California State Penitentiary.

② King - James Earl Ray; pled guilty in Tennessee State Court to charges of first degree murder. Sentenced to life in prison. Presently is serving sentence in Tennessee State Penitentiary.

P.S. They might want to write state court for exact sentencing & location of penitentiaries. Obviously, due to state action, we were not involved at all. I have no records on them.

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Janet cu

Dear Sir,

I would like to ask you a few questions. Hopefully you can answer most of them. Who shot Bobby Kennedy? What happen to the man who killed him. What's his name? Did he die or what. What are you going to do about him.

Who was it who killed Martin Luther King? Where is he? What was his sentence?

My 5th grade class would like to by June 2. Because school is out.

from
Bonnie Snapp

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